

**SIERRA CLUB**

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Candidate Katrina Ryan said she would support using solar energy to power government buildings.

"The primary initiative toward green buildings is to reduce fossil fuels," she said.

John Herrera, running for reelection to the board, said he supports mixed-use village style development design because it allows people to live near their jobs rather than commuting.

Alderman candidates' ideas differed about how to best preserve the corridor to Bolin Creek, one of the town's principal watersheds, and whether the controversial Winmore development project is affecting the creek.

DeVine argued that the current 50-foot buffer around the creek is not sufficient.

"Fifty feet is as far as my garage can be from my back door," she said.

Ryan suggested that the buffer requirement be doubled and that the town must have a master plan for the Bolin Creek area.

While Herrera and Haven-O'Donnell agreed that Winmore is well-planned, Haven-O'Donnell



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Board of Aldermen candidates Randee Haven-O'Donnell (left) and Jacquelyn Gist (right) answer questions at Monday's Sierra Club forum.

said she thinks it is situated in the wrong place.

Jacquelyn Gist, an incumbent candidate, recalled that she voted to strengthen the penalties for developers who fail to meet the town's environmental requirements.

"The problem is that we can pass the best-intentioned ordinance, but if somebody comes along and

breaks it, it's too late," she said.

Candidate David Marshall said he thinks that buffer rules should be examined on a case-by-case basis.

"The buffer code isn't one size fits all."

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piece structure of lot 5 and its four-story counterpart, sitting adjacent on the corner of Rosemary and Church streets, brought up some debate.

Kleinschmidt said he was opposed to Ram's decision to locate nearly all the affordable housing units it has scheduled for the development in the Rosemary building.

"I'm not saying you need to make a penthouse affordable, but you don't need 18 of the 21 units of affordable housing (grouped together)," he said. "I would like to see them spread out."

Council members also reminded the company of the town's general disapproval of retail space looking like its chief competitor — The Streets at Southpoint in Durham.

The Wallace Deck also saw changes, including a more efficient parking system within the garage.

"It hasn't changed much from the (request for proposals)," Tjarsken-Russos said. "What's important for people is to fit it in context with the rest of the buildings in the area."

John Felton, senior principal of consulting firm Cline Design, said the new drawings reflect a simple



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This is the most recent drawing for the re-development of parking lot 5. Not included in this drawing is a plaza scheduled to front the facility.

but effective design for the deck.

"The layout of the Wallace Deck is very straightforward," he said. "It's packaged in a form that is a little more period-oriented."

But council member Sally Greene directed Ram not to go for an industrial appeal. "We don't want to look like a warehouse," she said.

The design plan most of the council seemed to agree on has a historical look but retains an urban feel.

"It may speak well to an urban ... 25- to 35-year-old market," Tjarsken-Russos said.

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**JAYWALKING**

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"But that's a big if," said DPS Chief Derek Poarch. "I hope we're never going to get to that point."

In the past, police have encouraged motorists to defer the right of way to pedestrians. According to the Department of Public Safety Web site, police issued 144 citations for speeding and pedestrian-related violations to drivers in 2005.

Young said he is not aware of any pedestrians being ticketed this year.

Freshman Alex Tweed said jaywalking is not a pressing issue on campus.

"It's not that big of a deal," he said, after crossing South Road behind

Student Stores — where construction has encouraged many students to cross in the middle of the street. "But, if people are getting hurt, then I guess I could understand that."

According to the UNC Highway Safety Research Center, University police have responded to seven accidents involving pedestrians in 2005 thus far.

Locke Glenn, a first-year medical student, said construction impedes a student's ability to cross in designated spots.

"Up near the (School of Medicine), an entire sidewalk was blocked, so we really had nowhere to go," he said. "It was just really annoying."

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**KENYA**

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positive. I live positively."

Go figure.

When compared with what I whine about, it didn't make sense. At times I worked on "sustainable development," but usually I was irrelevant.

CFK runs a project called "Taka Ni Pato," Swahili for "trash is cash." As part of their program they do community outreach and clean-ups. My third day there, I volunteered for a clean-up.

Rake in hand, armed with my conspicuous white skin, I was told to rake the trash into a pile that would be burnt. But, in a place that has no sewer system, little running water, no paved streets and no garbage removal, how do you clean?

As I was raking, I quickly learned where people with no toilets go to the bathroom. On either side of me were 12-year-old boys working twice as hard as me; they were wearing flip-flops. I was trying not to vomit.

"I'll start a program to recycle and decrease pollution," I thought to myself. "Dorothy — we're not on campus anymore."

There was nothing I could do.

The infrastructures that I assumed would be in place didn't exist. I was weaker and far less resilient than any of those people. There was no forum to organize about this issue.

Finally I just started dancing and singing like an idiot. If I couldn't help, at least they could laugh at the crazy white guy.

I have been home for one month now. Most of this still doesn't make any sense. I still have a lot of questions and find few answers no matter whom I ask, what I read or how much I think.

I spent a short amount of time in one place. I don't know the "African story," and I certainly don't know the true impact AIDS is having on our planet.

Ask yourself: What would it be like to wake up tomorrow and find out that the entire undergraduate population died of malaria, HIV or tuberculosis?

I had always thought myself a fairly well-rounded person. After this summer, I understand how much I don't know.

Above all, I understand that life's most lasting lessons are not written in books.

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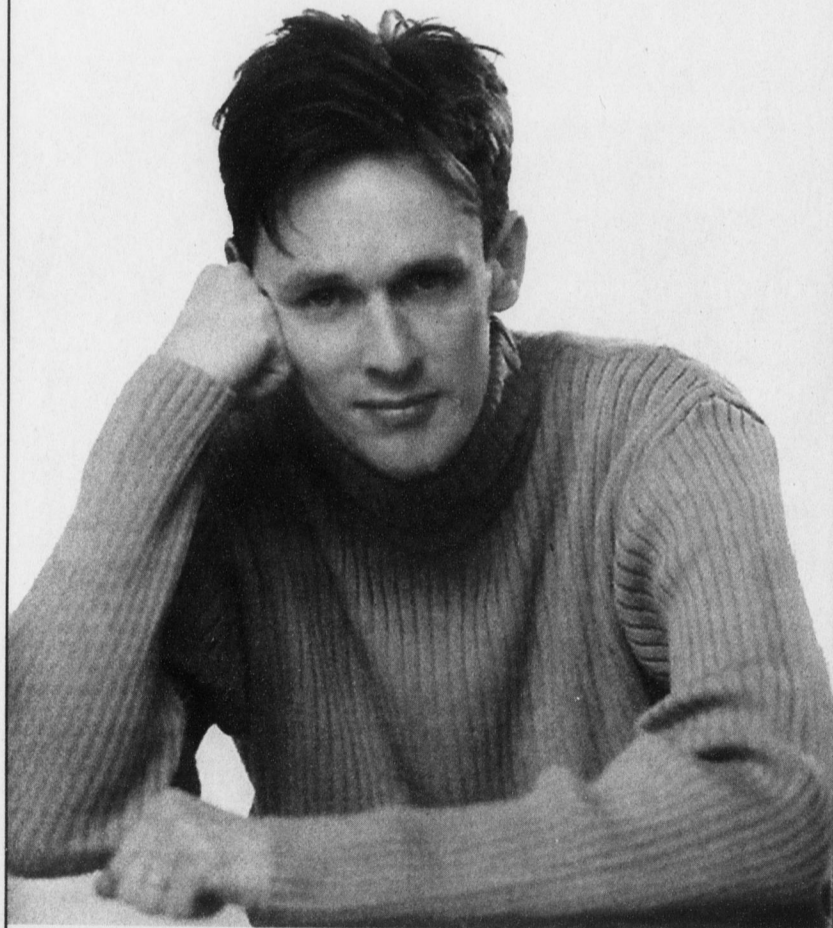
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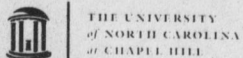


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