

Republicans plot future N.C. plans

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RALEIGH — Looking to their college constituents for support, conservative politicians and judges came to N.C. State University on Saturday to talk to College Republicans from across the state about the future of North Carolina and the Republican role in it.

Rep. John Rhodes, R-Mecklenburg, was among the speakers at the N.C. Federation of College Republicans Fall Convention and gave a scathing review of the state legislature.

"Let me tell you something, ladies and gentlemen: In that group of 120 representatives from across the state, you do not want to be sitting with anyone to your back on that house floor, I can assure you that," he said.

"There are some interesting critters inside that House of Representatives, and you know what? A lot of them are out there for themselves."

Rhodes started off the morning by talking about the corruption of the current legislative body.

He said he believes the "thuggish methods of the Democrats," the raising of taxes, the irresponsible spending of funds and the use of slush funds are the reasons North Carolina's economy is not the best it can be.

Rhodes said the best way to fix that is to be able to elect truly conservative representatives to the legislature.

"I believe that North Carolina can be No. 1 in education; I believe that North Carolina can be No. 1

in transportation and roads; and I believe we can be at the letter Z and dead last in the lowest taxes in our country," he said.

"We can fix that by getting these people out of office and putting the right people in their place."

Rep. Ed McMahan, R-Mecklenburg, said the problem with North Carolina is that there is a Democratic political machine in place, which is the reason North Carolina is one of only two states in the South without a Republican majority in the legislature.

The importance of getting out to vote was a key issue in all of the speeches, and all called on their college student constituents to stay active in politics.

"In spite of the gerrymandering and everything else going on, the numbers are moving in our direction," McMahan said.

Despite the current situation conveyed by the speakers at the College Republicans' convention, there was optimism among the speakers for the future.

"It takes grass roots campaigning, it takes youthful energy to get us elected into office," N.C. Superior Court Judge Rusty Duke said. "We can do it with your help."

Eighty people registered to attend the convention, though not all showed up.

Tripp Costas, chairman of the NCFRC, said more students turn out for the spring convention, when the group elects new officers.

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Students hypnotized for fundraiser

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Sophomore Rufaro Sikipa pranced around the Student Union Cabaret on Saturday night equipped with a pink-feathered tiara and a sparkling wand.

He was a fairy godmother sent to grant audience members' wishes, which he did with glee.

Sikipa and other volunteers agreed to let Medusa, the stage name of hypnotist Stephanie Embry, enter their minds during a show sponsored by the UNC Circle K.

"We figured it would be something new and interesting, something no one had done before," said senior Chris Reed, Circle K membership and publicity chairman.

Embry has been a full-time professional hypnotist since 2002.

"Everybody can be hypnotized," she said. "People's hypnotizability changes day to day, depending on how relaxed they are or will let themselves be."

She asked members from the audience to volunteer themselves for hypnosis, encouraging them to relax and to fall into a deep sleep.

"Hypnosis occurs in a very relaxed state in which your unconscious mind is open to suggestion," she said. "Tonight I am going to hypnotize the volunteer stars and give suggestions to have fun."

The "volunteer stars" modeled, transformed into cartoon characters and answered an important phone call that came through on the "shoe phone."

When his shoe phone rang, junior Kyle Fried, a communications studies major, contorted himself to bring his foot as close as possible to his ear.

"Who is on the phone?" Embry asked Fried as he fought to balance himself with his foot at his head.



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Stephanie Embry, a professional hypnotist who goes by the stage name of Medusa, asks volunteers to play instruments in the Union Cabaret on Saturday night. The UNC Circle K group sponsored the show.

"The president," Fried answered.

"What does he want?" Embry asked.

"I don't know," Fried replied, pulling his shoe closer to his head. "I can't hear him very well."

Volunteers said later that they remembered everything they did while hypnotized but that they would not have acted without Embry's suggestions.

"I felt like I was not in the world that I know and love," said sophomore Jacob McLean, who was

convinced by Embry that he was "the man."

"I lit a wad of bills on fire with my imaginary lighter," McLean said.

After the show, Sikipa — the fairy godmother — said he did not feel embarrassed as he tapped audience members on the heads, fulfilling their wishes.

"I felt really relaxed — put it that way," Sikipa said. "I was really chilled out and was willing to do whatever she said."

About 60 people witnessed the show, which raised \$50 for the

Victory Junction Gang, a summer camp program in Randleman that provides special medical treatment for chronically ill children.

UNC Circle K is working with other Circle K groups from area universities to raise funds for a digital photography room and a new cabin at the camp, Reed said.

"These are kids who wouldn't normally have the chance to go to camp."

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THE Daily Crossword

By Stanley B. Whitten

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- ACROSS**
- 1 In the sack
 - 5 Winter coat
 - 10 March 15th, e.g.
 - 14 To the left; pref.
 - 15 Bay window
 - 16 Desperate
 - 17 Sportscaster of note
 - 19 Retin-A target
 - 20 Temper
 - 21 Rotate
 - 23 Rosewall or Follett
 - 24 Against
 - 26 Roebuck's partner
 - 28 Demanding a price
 - 32 Added some seasoning
 - 35 Sniggler's prey
 - 36 Steep slope
 - 38 Likable loser
 - 39 Notre
 - 41 Some rapiers
 - 43 '60s musical
 - 44 Bad deeds
 - 46 Representative
 - 48 Boxing great
 - 49 Knocked to the canvas
 - 51 Kind of soup
 - 53 Sharpens
 - 55 Calendar span
 - 56 Meadow, poetically
 - 58 Fender damage
 - 60 Slow movers
 - 64 Cassini of fashion
 - 66 Sportscaster of

- DOWN**
- 1 Seaweed
 - 2 Capital of Switzerland
 - 3 Tied
 - 4 Turned-down corner
 - 5 Cataplasm
 - 6 Tentacle
 - 7 Chest bones
 - 8 Maintains
 - 9 Friends
 - 10 Tarbell or Lupino
 - 11 Sportscaster of note
 - 12 Sea eagle
 - 13 Observed
 - 18 Unruly groups

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22 Catches forty winks
25 Not appropriate
27 Wealthy
28 Gave away
29 Toss
30 Sportscaster of note
31 Joel and Jennifer
33 French writer Zola
34 Andrea, the dictator of Genoa
37 Full of vigor
40 Nevada town
42 Willy Loman's profession

45 Transmit
47 Tropical vine
50 Radio figure
52 Swaps
54 Make night noise
56 Meat cut
57 Otherwise
59 Joyce Carol Oates novel
61 At rest
62 —majesty
63 Cinch
65 Obtain
67 Compass pt.

ASG to help plan politics program

Set to advise nonpartisan institute

BY LINDSEY NAYLOR
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A task force announced Saturday by the UNC Association of Student Governments has been charged with planning a new summer program for college students with political aspirations.

The summer program will provide a forum for potential political leaders, and the task force will work with the Institute of Political Leadership to work out the details.

IOPL is a bipartisan, non-profit institution geared toward training potential political leaders. The institute runs a 10-weekend fellows program that offers leadership and political training seminars and activities.

Zack Wynne, president of the ASG, said the institute approached the group last summer for help in forming a program for college stu-

dents.

"IOPL is very nonpartisan," he said. "So we've put together a committee that represents both parties with people from all over the state."

The UNC task force members include ASG Legislative Affairs Vice President Ginny Franks, former Campus Y Co-President Derwin Dubose, Young Democrats Co-President Kris Gould and College Republicans Chairman Jordan Selleck, Franks said.

She said the ASG and its committee will serve in an advising role, providing input on student interests.

Wynne said the institute, with support from private donors, hopes to begin an application process in the spring and the program in June.

ASG members also discussed a contest among the state's colleges that serves both to increase advocacy and to thin the number of delegates on the group's Washington, D.C., trip to visit policy groups and legislators.

The push to cut the trip's size came from concerns about costs

and past organizational snafus. "The trip we took last year was logistically a nightmare," Wynne said.

This year's trip will include only delegates from the school with the most points accumulated from monthly contests.

In October, schools participated in the National Call-in against the Budget Reconciliation Act that called for cuts in student aid. Franks said, N.C. State University won the contest with more than 200 calls.

"We were able to get over 500 phone calls from North Carolina, which was the most from any state in the country," she said.

For November, the ASG worked with the nonprofit, nonpartisan lobbying organization Common Cause to produce more than 500 thank you cards for legislators.

"That's something that helps us build our relationships and reminds the legislators of the student presence," Franks said.

Franks said the December contest still is being planned. Contests will run until February to determine trip winners and promote advocacy among N.C. colleges.

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The Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity presents

Strategies for Improving the Wages & Working Conditions of Low-Waged Workers

Tuesday, November 22
 4:30-6:00pm
 UNC School of Law, Rotunda

The Center of Poverty, Work and Opportunity is hosting a panel to examine strategies for improving the economic situations and standards of living of low-waged workers. The event will be introduced by **Sen. Edwards** and moderated by **Arne Kalleberg**, Kenan Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Senior Associate Dean for Social Science, College of Arts and Sciences, UNC. The panel includes the following experts:

- Annette Bernhardt, Deputy Director, Brennan Center for Justice, NYU School of Law
- Tom Clarke, Program Director, Justice for Smithfield Workers' Campaign, United Food and Commercial Workers
- Melanie Stratton, Student Action with Workers
- John Sweeney, President, AFL-CIO

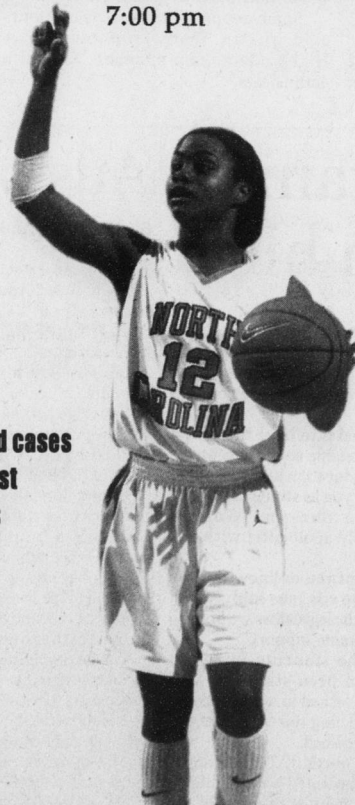
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 This event is free and open to the public.
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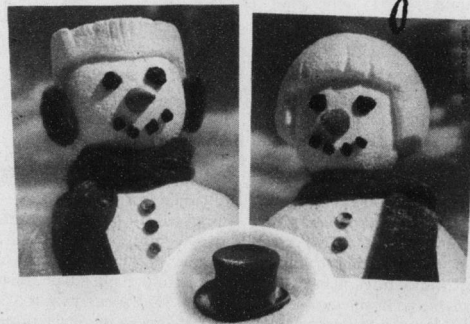


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