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Report says pace is on track

October Report lists progress of Carson's goals

BY COLIN CAMPBELL STAFF WRITER

Student Body President Eve Carson's administration released its October Report on Tuesday, detailing its progress in a 149page document. The report updates the student body and

administrators on the executive branch's progress as Carson reaches the midpoint of her term. It also helps the administration evaluate itself.

"It keeps us accountable for what we're doing and keeps us on task," Student Body Vice President Mike Tarrant said. "It's difficult to stop and think and look back at how far you've come." Tarrant said the administration is on

schedule for completing the initiatives pro-posed in Carson's platform by the time her term ends in April. "Everyone has a very forward-thinking attitude," Carson said.

Tuition: Carson's platform states that she will demand that the Board of Trustees explain how tuition increases will be spent and that she will advocate a five-year pre-

dictability plan. The October Report states that Carson has talked to trustees and administrators about the expense report and that they now are working out the details and structure for the initiative.

Student fees: Carson states in her section of the report that she helped to create a process that allows programs and departments requesting fee increases to SEE REPORT, PAGE 13

explain the reasons for Read the full the increases.

Carson also explains text of the in the report why she vetoed a Student **October Report**

at dailytarheel. Congress bill that would com. have required a twothirds majority, rather

than a simple majority, in Congress for some student fees to go to a student body referendum.

But Congress Speaker Tyler Younts said

IT'S RAINING ACROBATS



Cast members of Canada's Cirque Eloize perform at Memorial Hall on Tuesday in the second production in the troupe's Sky Trilogy, "Rain." Featuring a mix of acting, dancing, contortion and acrobatics teamed with circus music and a nostalgic childhood theme, the performance aimed to connect audience members with memories of their own childhoods.

Troupe explores childhood creativity

BY PHILLIP CROOK

If Cirque Eloize's "Rain" were actually a meteorological phenomenon, it would be the kind of downpour most people look for-ward to - an unexpectedly lively, sun-drenched afternoon shower.

The Canadian contemporary circus troupe enchanted a substantial Memorial Hall audience Tuesday night with a series of comedic and moving vignettes displaying contemporary circus acts.

Acrobats tumbled high above the stage, contortionists warped their limbs into seemingly impossible shapes and musicians performed joyful, energetic melodies, drenching audience members in the romance of the production.

"In any theatrical performance the object is to blow dust off peo-ple's imaginations and rekindle it, bringing emotions and memories to the surface," aerial performer Anna Ward said.

"Rain" was inspired by writ-er and director Daniele Finzi Pasca's childhood memories and his desire to further explore the playfulness of youth - expressed through the adult actors' transformation into children.

The performance successfully SEE RAIN, PAGE 13

D THE PERFORMANCE tous, Inial Hall

united striking imagery and proficient skill without overwhelming its audience, instead creating an inti-mate atmosphere. Watching "Rain" was almost like taking part in some bizarre family's living room theater. Jonas Woolverton, who has been

with "Rain" since its inception and performed the show more than 500 times, said that the cast members developed under Pasca's direction an inner playfulness they already had. Pasca wanted to keep the raw



Performer Ashley Carr juggles devil sticks during one of the opening sequences of "Rain." During the act, he also balanced on a teeterboard.



Sen. Kinnaird to seek 7th term

BY ELIZABETH DEORNELLAS ASSISTANT STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

The mere announcement Tuesday that six-term Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, D-Orange, is running for re-election cut the field in half in the race for the N.C. Senate district 23 seat.

Orange County Commissioner Mike Nelson and Carrboro Alderman John Herrera, who had declared their candidacies under the impression that Kinnaird would not be running, said they plan to drop out of the race to support the incumbent.

But Moses Carey, chairman of the Orange County Board of Commissioners, said he will continue his cam-

paign. "My plans are the same," he said. "I plan to stay in the race and run hard." Carey said

Kinnaird.

Senate. But Kinnaird said her experience and ability to push through important pub-



N.C. Sen. Ellie Kinnaird said "I think I'm she will continbetter prepared to make a difue work begun last session. ference in the



from Carey. Commissione Diversity has Moses Carey been an issue in the race so far, cites a long record of public with Kinnaird service. expressing a desire to main-

lic policy goals

sets her apart

tain female representation in the 50-member N.C. Senate. She has previously stated that four of the seven female senators might step down

But on Tuesday she said that consideration was not a major factor in her decision to run again, declaring that her main motivation is to continue the good work accomplished during the last session.

"As the decision went on, I became more encouraged at what we were able to get done," she said.

lomeless families seek aid

BY ROSE ANNA LAUDICINA STAFF WRITER

For some homeless families, Chapel Hill's HomeStart is just a temporary middle ground as they wait for available



housing. For others, it is a more permanent situation while they try to turn their lives around. "When a family is

homeless, they move out and the kids lose their neighborhood

friends and a sense of stability," said Laurie Tucker, residential services director for HomeStart.

HomeStart, an organization that

provides emergency, short- and longterm services to homeless women and children, is one of the services available to the homeless of Orange County.

Combating homelessness in the county is a continued focus for officials as the 10-year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness, which began in September, gets off the ground.

The average time that a family stays at HomeStart is eight months, but that depends on each family's situation, Tucker said.

While there are programs and facili-ties in place where families who become homeless can go, these programs are understaffed and underfunded, Tucker said

Long waiting lists also prevent families from getting immediate help, she said, noting that for HomeStart, there usually is a wait list of about 15 to 20 families. The program's facilities can house 10 families at a time.

But Tucker said there is one family set to move out of the facility within a week after residing there just three months because of the amount of effort and pererance the mother put into finding a job and securing an apartment.

Finding a home

But it is not always that easy. Sonia Poteat, 44, said she has worked for

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Incumbents bring in most endorsements

BY MAX ROSE STAFF WRITER

In the Chapel Hill Town Council race, incumbents are raking in the endorsements. But local history has shown that these

endorsements are not necessarily decisive in the election outcome. hicipal Election 2007

Club and Hank Anderson Breakfast Club endorsed only incumbents for town council and mayor.

This year both the N.C. Sierra

"It demonstrates to voters that I have lived up to my commitments and been true to the principles and policies that I was going to pursue as a council member," Mayor Pro Tem Bill Strom said.

Council member Jim Ward is receiving the Sierra Club's endorsement for the first time in his three council races. He said the endorsements are helpful but not necessary to win.

"It's a vote of confidence that you receive, so that feels good," he said. Ward is not the only case in which endorse-

ments have not reflected the final outcome.

Town Council candidate Will Raymond said he received several endorsements in his 2005 run, including the Sierra Club and The Independent Weekly, but still fell 600 votes shy of a seat on the council. "Obviously I had all the endorsements last time, but it didn't

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