

STUDENT ELECTIONS 2008

Students open up for stormers

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Some students were doing homework, others were playing Guitar Hero and still others were just enjoying a quiet Thursday night. All were minding their own business, when they heard the knock at the door.

"Hi, my name is _____, and I want to run for student body president."

It was the line most students heard when they opened their doors to hopefuls Kristin Hill, Logan Liles and J.J. Raynor as the three went dormstorming Thursday night.

The potential student body president candidates went door-to-door trying to gather the 800 signatures necessary to become official candidates before the deadline Tuesday. For the three prospective student body president candidates, Thursday marked the second night of dormstorming.

They each had different methods, different workers and went to different dorms, but all encountered mostly positive student response.

"I love it when people come by and talk," freshman Kevin Frae said after Raynor visited. "It catches you off guard a little bit, but it's a good strategy because (the hopefuls) see more people."

During this phase of the election season, hopefuls can't give speeches, talk to the press or use campaign materials. The challenge is to talk to hundreds of individual students.

Hill gathered with four campaign workers to dormstorm in Hinton James Residence Hall.

She found many students willing to sign her petition, though some refused because they had already signed another list.

"She seems like a nice girl," freshman Erica Gallagher said, signing for Hill. "She seems passionate about the opportunity to run."

But Gallagher added that she wasn't sure Hill would win her vote

in the end. "I'll wait and see. ... I'll probably look to her more because I got to meet her and see her face."

Liles visited Morrison Residence Hall with the help of three campaign workers before moving on to Hardin Residence Hall.

"I think it's cool because you get to put a name with a face," freshman Cathy McCormick said after signing Liles' petition. "I just wanted to help him out. I don't even really remember his name."

Raynor, who had the largest entourage of the night with nine campaign workers, focused her efforts on Craige and Horton Residence Halls after being turned away from Eh-zinghaus Residence Hall by the front desk, despite protests by the campaign workers.

"The fact that she offered her e-mail and told me a little bit about her running helps me put a face with a name," said Ashley Stafford, a freshman who signed for Raynor and lives in Craige.

"The fact that they're taking the initiative to really get out here and show their platform is really beneficial to their whole platform."

But not all students were pleased with the dormstorming process.

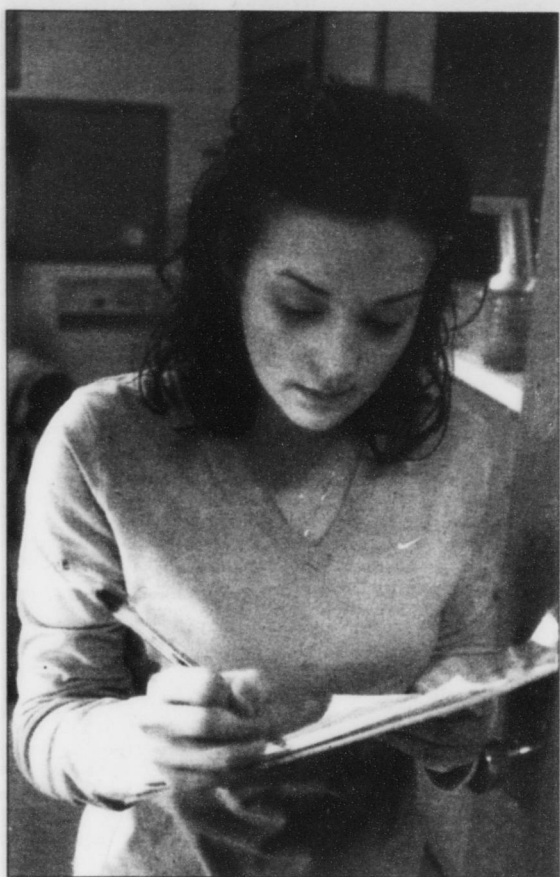
"It's kind of annoying," freshman Kelsey Smith said. "I signed it mainly to get them to leave."

Smith added that though she signed the petition, she probably won't vote in the Feb. 12 elections.

But hopefuls will have another chance to win over Smith and other students like her at upcoming forums, when they can talk to large groups of students.

And though the three hopefuls gathered many signatures throughout the two-hour process, current student body leaders said dormstorming isn't necessarily the best way to obtain signatures.

"I got my signatures mostly from the Pit area," Student Body President Eve Carson said.



Kalie Norton, a freshman, gave her signature in the door of her Craige room to J.J. Raynor's campaign team, which dormstormed Thursday.

Carolina Athletic Association President Colby Almond said he filled his petition by campaigning in front of the dining halls.

"Dormstorming can sometimes be a long process, but you're doing this because you want to talk to people and meet people."

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NCSU still leading water competition

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BY MARYANN BARONE
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Although the men's basketball team crushed N.C. State last weekend, UNC is lagging behind in another competition — the water conservation challenge.

That competition began as an effort to reduce the amount of water that Orange County uses by 15 percent. It came on the heels of the announcement of the stage two water restriction period.

When the Tar Heels take the court against the Wolfpack on Feb. 20, the contest will officially end.

The challenge has three criteria: decrease the number of gallons of water used per student per day, decrease the average amount of water used and continue to reduce water usage during the challenge.

Whichever school leads in two of the three criteria wins. As of Tuesday, the most recent statistics show that N.C. State is in the lead, taking two categories. The schools are tied in the third category: decreasing gallons used per student per day.

Ray DuBose, director of Energy Services at UNC, said he is not worried about N.C. State's lead.

"Even though the data shows they are ahead, I believe our school will come out ahead," he said.

Residence Hall Association President Brian Sugg reiterated DuBose's optimistic approach.

"I think we are doing relatively well," Sugg said. "We seem to be neck-to-neck with them, and we could easily surpass them."

UNC started off with 34 gallons of water used per student per day, with N.C. State at 31 gallons. UNC and NCSU have each cut down consumption by four gallons.

But that still leaves N.C. State ahead in the amount used, averaging 27 gallons compared to UNC's 30.

There is only a 1 percent difference in reduction between the schools, with UNC at a 12 percent reduction and N.C. State at 13 percent.

"Whether or not there's a competition, everyone is doing their part to conserve," said junior Justin Arnall, a resident adviser in Stacy Residence Hall.

DuBose also credited the publicity by the residence halls as a reason for the influx of students participating on campus.

About 1,000 "Slow the Flow" T-shirts were distributed before Winter Break, and more T-shirts will be distributed later this month.

"I can't say enough how much our students have contributed," DuBose said. "Students are coming to the plate, and I think they are going to hit a home run."

The competition, to which N.C. State Chancellor James Oblinger challenged UNC Chancellor James Moeser, began Nov. 10, when the schools played each other in football.

Student government has been part of the publicity for water conservation.

"For me, it's been monitoring my own habits," Student Body President Eve Carson said. "During a drought, you need to be conscientious of that."

She said the competition with N.C. State is only one facet of UNC's conservation changes.

"We are in it to win it. It's less about the competition and more about changes in our habits."

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Event to raise funds for Deep Dish Theater

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Seven years ago, Paul Frellick saw a vacant men's formalwear store while walking through Chapel Hill's University Mall.

That space is now the site of Deep Dish Theater Company, where Frellick is the artistic director.

"Chapel Hill has had a chronic lack of theater space, and we were trying to think outside of the box," Frellick said. "Having it in the mall takes away some of the mystification from drama and puts it at the center of your life."

Today and Saturday, Deep Dish will host its annual Side Dish Fundraiser to raise money for the organization.

The fundraiser will feature champagne and light fare from Azure Grille, followed by a series of dramatic vignettes written by

University of Iowa playwright Sandy Dietrick and performed by Deep Dish members.

Though there is no permanent company to put on its shows, cast and crew can join on a production-by-production basis.

Deep Dish now has an evolving pool of more than 100 people from around the community who contribute to its productions.

"It's a great space in University Mall with 75 seats right smack dab in the middle of it all, but there's a real variety and real provocative quality to the work we do," Frellick said.

Funds raised from Side Dish will go toward Deep Dish's general operating fund, which the members use to produce plays. Last year Side Dish sold out.

"It's a short celebration of our theater there," Frellick said. "It's a rare

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opportunity to get together with everyone who supports our theater."

Jeri Lynn Shulke, director of this year's Side Dish, is a graduate of UNC's masters program of dramatic art. She has been involved with Deep Dish since its creation and has taken on various roles within the company through the years.

"They're stand-alone," said Shulke about the vignettes to be performed in Side Dish. "The pieces are each about five minutes."

Each vignette is a monologue performed by a female Deep Dish actor.

"We have a far-ranging group of women from someone who is 70 to a college student," Shulke said.

The college student involved in Side Dish is Julia Yarwood, a senior at UNC.

Yarwood has been involved in several campus productions and recently participated in the Burch Field Research Seminar in New York City.

Yarwood said Deep Dish's unconventional location fits well into its production because the space is "small and unexpected."

"(Deep Dish has) shown their growth by placing their roots in Chapel Hill," she said. "They're succeeding in growing a bond between the arts and the Chapel Hill community."

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