

ENDORSEMENTS

Di-Phi and Young Democrats endorse Hill for president

The Young Democrats became the second campus group to endorse Kristin Hill for student body president Monday night at their candidates' forum.

SBP candidates Logan Liles and J.J. Raynor were also present at the debate.

Hill stressed collaboration and support for student groups while Liles described his theme of student dynamism and Raynor focused many of her comments on her plan to deal with tuition increases.

Hill was also endorsed by the UNC Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies last Wednesday at the first candidate forum.

The next candidate forum will be sponsored by the Campus Y and will take place at 6 p.m. Feb. 4 in the Campus Y building.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Water heater issue cuts showers in Hinton James

A leak in a Hinton James water tank caused officials to turn off the water supply to the dorm at around 8:30 p.m. Sunday.

A rusted gasket blew a quarter-inch hole in the top of the main water heater causing the need to turn off the water to the entire dorm.

Officials said they had to lower the water in the tank to weld the hole and fix the leak. Cold water was restored to the dorm about an hour after the incident, but residents had to go without hot water until approximately 4 p.m. Monday.

Freshman Erik Straub said the lack of hot water inconvenienced him.

"I had to take a really cold shower this morning. It was really bad."

Steve Lofgren, assistant facilities director, said they are considering creating backup water heaters to ensure that students have a water supply in case of a similar situation.

Deadline to apply for arts grant approaches in Feb.

Attendees at Monday's Student Arts Forum were asked to spread the word about the Carolina Student Arts Grant — worth up to \$1,000 to support student-led art initiatives. The deadline to apply is Feb. 8.

"To be eligible, you have to attend two of three of the Arts Forum meetings," said Michelle McGraw, executive and artistic assistant at Carolina Performing Arts, the organization that funds the grant.

Monday's forum was the first of three meetings to occur this semester and saw only three student attendees in addition to the co-chairmen of the Arts Advocacy Committee, Tom Allin and Shivani Chudasama.

The grant may be applied to cultural projects ranging from workshops to concerts and publications.

For more information about the grant visit www.carolinaperformingarts.org/aboutus/student.aspx.

CITY BRIEFS

Chamber of Commerce to honor Chancellor Moeser

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce will award Chancellor James Moeser with the Duke Energy Citizenship and Service Award today.

Past recipients of the award include state Rep. Joe Hackney and Robert Dowling, executive director of the Orange Community Housing and Land Trust.

The recipient must demonstrate a key set of values, including integrity, initiative and accountability. Aaron Nelson, the chamber's president and CEO, said that Moeser embodies each of those traits.

"I could go through a whole list of reasons he deserves the award, from the Carolina Covenant to his citizenship in the community," he said.

Nelson said the award was created as a tribute to valuable individuals or groups around southern Orange County.

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Chapel Hill affirms support for creek restoration grant

The Chapel Hill Town Council voted Monday night to support a grant application for the Bolin Creek Watershed Restoration Project.

If the grant is approved by the Environmental Protection Agency, town staff will work together with Carrboro to restore and maintain the water quality of Bolin Creek, which flows through both towns into Jordan Lake.

"We want to make sure that the water ... is clean and safe," council member Mark Kleinschmidt said.

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Town plans fog sculpture art

BY MAX ROSE
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Fog will fall on downtown Chapel Hill in the coming years.

The plan for public art to accompany the mixed-use development at Lot 5 between Franklin and Rosemary streets includes stainless steel sculptures that use rainwater to create a mist.

Lead artist Mikyoung Kim presented the plans, two years in the making, to 30 people at the public library and to the Chapel Hill Town Council on Monday, and most said they were impressed.

"It engages people in terms of sound, sight and feel," said Carrboro resident Gary Cramling. "I love the fact that it's sensitive to harvesting rainwater."

The public art will be incorporated with Ram Development Company's mixed-use project, 140 West, which is expected to cost about \$75 million and include condominiums, retail and parking.

The agreement with Ram marks the first time that public art will be incorporated into a private development. About \$671,000 has been set aside for art.

In 2002, Chapel Hill became the first municipality in the nation to incorporate public art as a part of land planning when they decided to require that 1 percent of new public buildings' budgets go toward art.

Kim said this project is unusual because it is being designed at the same time as the development.

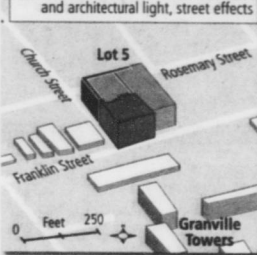
"I think what's unique is the opportunity to really interplay the sculpture with the place," she said. "It's like a big vision working together."

The landscape will include benches and an outdoor plaza. It will incorporate blue lighting to create the appearance of permanent fog.

Kim, who is based out of Massachusetts, designs public art as far away as Korea.

She also is responsible for

■ ART AREA I: Sculptural stormwater retention in main plaza
■ ART AREA II: Stormwater retention and architectural light, street effects



Chapel Hill's Streetscape master plan, which will attempt to incorporate art into daily public life.

"It's more than just lining a street with stores and putting condos above," said council member Mark Kleinschmidt, the council's liaison to the Chapel Hill Public Arts Commission. "It's a transfor-

mative downtown project."

Kleinschmidt said the site could help to bring together the east and west ends of Franklin Street.

Community members who saw Kim's design Monday said the art could play a central role in the future of downtown Chapel Hill.

"It's a place that really celebrates community, and we need more of these places in town," Cramling said.

Kim told the council that she will submit a final concept plan in February based on community feedback and that an artist will be picked to design the Rosemary Street side of the lot in the coming weeks. Construction on the art is not expected to begin until about 2010.

"It's going to be possibly the heart of Franklin Street," said Steve Wright, a staffer with the Public Art Commission.

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LINDSEY PAYTES, CO-DIRECTOR OF CUAB'S HARRY POTTER TRIVIA NIGHT



Freshman Leah Brown gets help from the audience by using her lifeline during trivia at the Harry Potter Feast and Trivia Tournament. The event, held Monday evening in the Great Hall of the Student Union, brought out fans to enjoy food, drink and games based on the book.

THE MUGGLE GREAT HALL

BY ZACK LEVINE
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Students didn't even have to search for Platform Nine and Three-Quarters on Monday night to be transported to the Hogwarts Great Hall.

Students filed into UNC's Great Hall ready to feast on wizard fare and to test their knowledge of Harry Potter.

The trivia tournament, hosted by Carolina Union Activities Board, attracted about 200 Potter fans.

"It was kind of a random idea," said junior Lindsey Paytes, co-director of the event. "Sarah (Bagot) and I just asked ourselves one morning, 'Wouldn't it be cool to turn our Great Hall into the Hogwarts Great Hall?'"

CUAB got the word out through a Facebook event notice and by posting fliers throughout campus.

Those who hoped to participate placed their names in the "Goblet of Fire" upon arrival, and the 24 names selected became the contestants. The event was carried out similar to a spelling bee, where contestants were eliminated if they missed a question.

Paytes and Bagot, the other co-director, kept the audience involved by giving participants lifelines to help them answer questions.

The contestants competed for Harry Potter-themed prizes such as a Hogwarts school banner.

"We got really excited about getting the prizes and came up with the idea of the tournament to give them away," Paytes said.

Some students took their Potter fandom to the next level by dressing the part.

Sophomore Liz Komar was wearing full Hogwarts attire, including dress robes and a tie.

The judges began the tournament with simple questions such as, "What was Professor McGonagall's first name?" and continued as the tournament progressed with ones like, "What was Arthur Weasley's pet name for his wife?"

Competitors proved they knew their trivia early on when the judges only had to eliminate one person in the first round.

Sophomore Patricia Ramos made it to the third round before being unable to answer a question.

"I've read the first two books about six

times but the others not as many," she said. "I'm a little disappointed I didn't win."

The trivia junkies competed for about six rounds before a winner emerged.

After answering some very specific questions, senior Andy Cao was the last one standing and took home a Hogwarts school banner as well as a Weasley family clock for his knowledge of J.K. Rowling's series.

"I didn't study for it actually," Cao said. "I'm just a big fan and a pretty good reader."

Attendees enjoyed many Hogwarts delicacies, including cauldron cakes, licorice wands, butterbeer, pumpkin juice and the infamous Bertie Bott's Every Flavor Beans.

The unusual menu items were created using everyday food such as Twizzlers, cream soda, Hawaiian Punch and 56 pounds of cupcakes.

"We wanted it to be a sort of welcome back to campus, and for students to take a break from everything, to do something completely random and fun," Paytes said. "Everything was great. It went above and beyond our expectations."

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A house full of 1 man's trash

BY HEATHER CALDWELL
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When Julie Goodstadt furnished her Town House apartment last year with a coffee table, stereo, carpet, printer and wine glasses, she did it without spending a penny.

Goodstadt found each of these items on the Freecycle Orange County Web site, a Web-based nonprofit group that takes dumpster diving high tech.

The organization, which focuses on reducing waste in landfills, uses Internet message boards where people can post items they no longer want and give them a second life.

"Freecycle sort of epitomizes reduce, reuse and recycle," said Caryl Feldacker, a graduate student in the School of Public Health. "As an environmentalist, as someone interested in conservation and reducing waste, there is no way to put that mantra into practice except through Freecycle."

Members of Freecycle groups on Yahoo.com post offered and wanted items on a message board and receive daily e-mails with information on new posts.



Julie Goodstadt plays cards with Omer Levit (left) and Nir Josipovich in her apartment, which is furnished with items from the Freecycle Network.

When members find items they want, they e-mail the owner and arrange a pickup location and time. For convenience, the owner will often leave the item on the front porch or in the yard with a sign bearing the recipient's name.

"People give away weird stuff, like life-size Little Mermaid cardboard

cutouts," said Goodstadt, a senior history major. "Lots of half-used shampoo bottles and stuff like that."

But Freecycle is not only about getting; it is also about giving.

"The first rule of Freecycle is you have to give before you receive,"

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Study abroad catches up on credit transfers

BY ANDREW RYAN COSGROVE
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Credit transfer issues that have plagued UNC students who studied abroad in the past year are finally starting to be resolved by the Study Abroad Office.

"The problem students are having now is that they have not filled out the proper forms or we are waiting for department majors to send in forms," said Kathryn Goforth, associate director for advising for the Study Abroad Office.

Personnel issues within the office have caused a delay in transferring academic credits from international institutions.

Many seniors are worried they will not be able to register for graduation by Feb. 8 because they have not gotten credit for the classes they took abroad.

But Goforth said seniors can still register.

"We have talked to Academic Advising and they are aware of the situation," Goforth said, adding

that students should check in with their advisers.

The backup began when four full-time study abroad advisers left their jobs last year, causing the office to fall behind in transferring credits for UNC students who studied abroad.

Students returning from abroad had to work with multiple temporary advisers.

"My adviser changed about three times, which made communicating much more difficult," said Neil Gerber, a senior who studied in Barcelona last spring.

By January, the Study Abroad Office had filled all the advising positions left vacant last year, which has helped ease the workload on advisers.

Gerber said it is now up to him to go to the office and get the proper forms filled out.

But other students are still encountering issues with their credits.

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