

Candidates plan for dining, performance spaces

Seek to accommodate campus growth

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With UNC's growing student population, accommodating the space needs of all students is an ever-present challenge.

That is why Kristin Hill, Logan Liles and J.J. Raynor, this year's student body president hopefuls, have articulated plans for new dining and performance areas in their platforms.

"Right now there's a critical lack of performance space on campus," Raynor said. "You look, and everywhere students can perform is booked all the way out."

Short-term plans for all three candidates involve publicizing existing resources and educating student groups to help streamline the room reservation process.

Long-term plans include deciding how to use space on the bottom floor of the Student Union.

"Renovating the bottom of the Union is a long-term issue," Liles

said. "Construction takes years, and you have to have time to get student input."

Carolina Union Director Don Luse said next year's student body president could definitely play a role in determining uses for the bottom floor.

"The decision maker for the Union is its board of directors," Luse said. "The president gets a seat on the board, in addition to two appointments."

Candidates also suggested Carolina North as another place for new performance areas in the future.

"Performance space is something I want to see on Carolina North because I feel like it has the brains of the University, but not the soul," Raynor said.

Christopher Payne, associate vice chancellor for student affairs, said he has talked with previous student government officers to address student needs at Carolina North.

"Conversations about dining can't occur in a vacuum," Payne said. "Adjacencies must be considered, such as Student Stores and Alpine in the Union."

Some of the candidates' other platform points address increasing or diversifying dining options for students.

At the Jan. 28 Young Democrats forum, Hill said that advocating

	Kristin Hill	Logan Liles	J.J. Raynor
Arts Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Create a how-to guide for reserving rooms > Open more rehearsal space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Make a list of rehearsal space > Find medium-sized rehearsal space > Put more student art in dorms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Create a how-to guide for reserving rooms > Open more rehearsal space
Graduate Student Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Create a graduate student lounge on campus 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Support the search for a graduate student space > Plan for long-term options
Greek Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Put benches on campus for Greek organizations without houses to serve as advertising 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Offer on-campus storage for Greeks without houses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Greek cubes > Physical representation for Greek organizations without houses
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the addition of a smoothie bar in the Student Recreation Center is one of her campaign's most ambitious ideas.

"People like having a healthy option when they finish their workout," Hill said. "The SRC is going to be renovated, and you want to attract people to that renovated space."

Raynor and Hill both included

plans for late-night coffee in the Union in their platform.

Liles said he would wait for a student mandate before advocating any specific dining locations on campus.

Past candidates have included platform planks about trying to diversify dining spaces with venues such as Bojangles' and Yogurt Pump, which received strong stu-

dent backing.

Other student needs that the candidates said they hope to address include more campus publicity space, along with space for Greek organizations and graduate students.

But Luse had an important caveat for hopefuls with big ideas for how to use campus space.

"In everything we do, the deci-

Forum endorsements

Kristin Hill - 3

- > Di-Phi
- > Young Democrats
- > College Republicans

Logan Liles - 2

- > Out-of-State Student Assoc.
- > Chispa

J.J. Raynor - 0

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sion we make is based on the need," he said.

"Anybody's opinion should be backed up by data that shows there is a student need."

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