

Raynor forms task force on Carolina North plans

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Student Body President J.J. Raynor plans to allow students more opportunities to voice their concerns and suggestions for Carolina North.

She said she will send student representatives to informational forums about the planned expansion of UNC's campus. "People have been concerned about a lot of the impacts that the development will have," Raynor said. "They're thinking about things like the environmental impact and how to manage the growth."

Raynor said the best way to give students a voice is to make sure they are well-educated on the subject.

"People need to become aware enough on this issue to be able to make an impact," she said.

Raynor has established a task force within her administration that focuses on Carolina North.

She plans to have task force and other Cabinet members attend monthly forums by the Carolina North developers. She said she has attended four so far.

The task force will record information on top areas of student concern and express those to officials.

"It's hard for students to keep track of all of it," Raynor said. "We need students to go in who know what they're talking about."

Jack Evans, executive director of Carolina North, said former Student Body President Eve Carson worked to make sure she and her administration were informed about the development's planning.

"I think she was keenly interested in the development so that she could know more about how to accomplish what the University's needs were," Evans said.

He said that Raynor will have the

same opportunity to participate but that he does not know her plans.

"As a member of the board of trustees, she'll have a role in the relationship with the town," he said. "But I can't tell what she has in mind yet."

Chapel Hill Town Council member Mark Kleinschmidt said Raynor needs to work with both residents and students to find common ground.

"She needs to look at the interests of the University and the town and find that third place where the interests intersect," Kleinschmidt said.

He also said Raynor should take advantage of opportunities to expand her participation and provide more representation for students.

"One of the things that's common with student administrations is that they become just an arm of the University," Kleinschmidt said.

"Carolina North is going to have a huge impact on students, and she needs to hold on to their interests."

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CCI cuts laptop deductible

Students will pay \$100 per incident

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The Carolina Computing Initiative computers will be offered to incoming freshmen with a slightly lower insurance deductible price this upcoming year.

"Basically what we were able to negotiate this year is a reduction on the insurance deductible," said Priscilla Alden, assistant vice chancellor for user support and engagement.

In the past, students with CCI laptops paid a \$250 insurance deductible for incidents outside the computer's warranty.

"Incoming students who purchase laptops through the school will only pay a \$100 deductible per incident," Alden said.

She added that the warranty on CCI laptops does not cover accidental damage, theft or natural disaster but that the \$100 deductible will pay for the repair or replacement of the laptop.

"For example, if a student's laptop is destroyed in a fire or run over, the \$100 will cover the cost," she said.

Incidents that occur within the warranty do not cost the student

any extra money to repair.

Many students with CCI computers say the low price and easy repair access were things they took into consideration when buying their laptops through CCI.

Sophomore Jessica Johnston said it was the price of the CCI laptop that led her to purchase one her first year.

"I got a grant for my laptop that paid for everything, which made the decision to buy very easy," she said. "It's convenient to have a computer through the school."

Johnston added that she has had a few problems with her CCI laptop but that they have been easily fixed.

But freshman Conor Farese said he chose a different route when deciding on a laptop for college.

"I already had a Mac, and I did not want to change to a CCI because I like the (Mac) system much better," Farese said.

Farese said he has had few problems with computer compatibility since he has been at UNC.

"The only issue I've had was with

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wireless network printing," Farese said. "The people at ITS fixed that pretty quickly though."

Alden said she hopes the reduced deductible will make the CCI laptop more desirable to incoming students.

"The total cost of ownership will go down, and you wouldn't be able to get the insurance and warranty with another type of computer," Alden said.

Alden added that they try to provide the most up-to-date systems at the best price for incoming students.

"We look at how the models change each year, and we get the best price we can," Alden said. "We hope that we can continue to provide this well for students in the future."

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Paper explores legality of poker tournaments

BY BRYANNA SCHWARTZ
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Nourish International's annual Hold 'Em For Hunger poker tournament was scheduled for Sunday.

The event was canceled in March because of concerns about its legality, an issue addressed by a UNC law student in an award-winning paper.

Blake Griffin's paper, "North Carolina Gambling Law: Joker Club LLC v. Hardin," compared Nourish's annual poker fundraiser to a recent case in which a company wanted to open a poker club in Durham County but couldn't because gambling is illegal in North Carolina.

It won a Graduate Student Research Award from The Sport and Recreation Law Association.

Griffin found that the tournament could be illegal under N.C. laws.

"It was really intriguing to me. The concept of whether or not it should be, I don't know," said Griffin, who is also pursuing a master's in sports administration.

"I think that there is a good argument that it is for a great cause."

In the past, hundreds of UNC students entered the tournament, and the money it raised accounted for 70 percent of Nourish's yearly funds.

The money goes toward Nourish's annual summer service project trips. The organization seeks to eradicate poverty and empower communities.

After hearing many students' concerns about the tournament, Barbara Osborne, a sports administration professor, approached Griffin about combining his interest in law and sports and recreation to write a research paper on the topic.

Griffin's interest in poker grew out of watching his best friend gamble



Law student Blake Griffin won an award for a paper that analyzed, in part, Hold 'Em for Hunger.

online, which made him contemplate the legalities of gambling.

"When I was first starting law school, it was really big everywhere, online, on TV," Griffin said.

"I was asking in my head if this is all legal. It was a lot like Napster in that it seems perfectly legal until people start losing money and getting in trouble."

Griffin presented his research at an annual conference in February and received his award. For this award, graduate students from across the U.S. submitted papers relating to sports, recreation and the law.

Stacey Altman, the honors and awards chairwoman, said Griffin's paper stood out because of the in-depth analysis.

"Instead of performing a summary, he took a specific case and analyzed it," she said. "The paper itself was written in a law review format. It had footnotes that were appealing to the reviewers because they showed more in-depth research."

Griffin said he originally wrote the paper for a class with an added interest of publication in a legal journal.

"I heard that Hold 'Em For Hunger wasn't going to happen, and I was hoping after I wrote the paper that they were going to be able to do it," Griffin said.

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Libertarian candidate will discuss third-party politics

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Michael Munger, a Libertarian candidate for N.C. governor, is coming to UNC today to speak about third-party ballot access.

Munger, chairman of Duke University's political science department, advocates for increased inclusion of third-party candidates in order to give voters more options.

"The Democratic and Republican parties are indistinguishable on many fronts, but Munger and the Libertarian Party offer a different way of looking at issues," said Paige Michael-Shetley, who organized the event through Students for Ron Paul.

Third-party candidates often have difficulty campaigning because of a lack of exposure and a weaker party structure.

Michael-Shetley said he fears that the insufficient exposure Munger receives in the media will hamper his gubernatorial hopes.

"It cost our campaign \$200,000 to get the required 100,000 signatures needed to get on the ballot," Munger said.

He said that his campaign funds are nearly exhausted and that he relies mostly on free publicity through newspaper articles.

The Republican and Democratic parties are automatically included on the N.C. ballot, but with the state's ballot access laws, some of the strictest in the country, third-party candidates must first prove their

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viability by collecting signatures.

"In 2000, state laws not only made it one of the very few states that the Green Party could not get its candidate, Ralph Nader, on the ballot, but it also made it so that write-in votes for Nader were not permitted," Duke University political science professor John Aldrich said.

Munger took his concerns to the N.C. General Assembly and testified about reductions in ballot access laws. "The state should not interpose its judgment. If a party decides to run, the people should decide, not the state," he said.

His testimony led to legislation guaranteeing third parties an automatic spot on the next general election ballot if a candidate garners at least 2 percent of the vote in the most recent gubernatorial or presidential contest. The requirement used to stand at 10 percent.

That legislation will begin with the 2008 election.

"About half of the seats up for re-election in North Carolina are going to be unopposed. We don't just need a third party in politics; we need a second party," he said.

Munger said third parties impact the performance of the Democratic and Republican parties.

"Research shows the more access third parties have, the less corruption there is, and the threat of competition improves the performance of each political party."

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