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said the duo plans to organize a senior spring break trip, a "Date and Dash" night, semi-formals and weekend day trips to volunteer in needy areas of rural North Carolina.

"It touches close to home," Lapp, who is from Rocky Mount, said.

Currie is from St. Pauls, another rural region in North Carolina.

"It's sad that sometimes we forget about rural North Carolina, which

is where I'm from," Currie said.

Even though they had about 200 more petition signatures than their opponents, Dean Drescher and Mohammad Saad, Chen said she doesn't think she has an advantage.

"Five hundred and forty one signatures is great, but it's only about half of the senior class," Chen said. "We want to reach out to the entire senior class."

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opportunities more accessible to seniors.

"We understand that since it's their last year, sometimes seniors check out and take a step back from service," Saad said.

To keep seniors involved in service, Drescher and Saad said they will create a calendar database that will list less time-consuming service opportunities, such as school supply drives.

Beasley said she thinks Drescher and Saad complement each other, which will help them if elected.

"Wherever one is lacking, the other person takes their place."

Saad said they had fewer signatures because they stopped trying to get more once they reached the required 250.

"We saw it as a checklist," he said. "Once we got what we needed, we moved on to the next step."

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# Evans retires after 40 years at University

Man still gets calls from chancellor

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Jack Evans left behind shoes too big to fill.

Evans concluded his 40-year career at UNC in December, topped off with four years as executive director of Carolina North, UNC's planned satellite campus. He will not be replaced.

Budget cuts contributed to the decision not to fill Evans' position, said Bruce Runberg, associate vice chancellor of facilities planning.

The Carolina North project has been stalled due to a lack of funds, with no development planned for the near future.

But Runberg said that when Evans obtained approval for the project in 2009, he accomplished the main purpose of his position.

"He's very talented and has been a great asset to the University in the variety of things he's done," Runberg said.

Evans, who also served as Phillip Hettleman Professor of Business Administration in the Kenan-Flagler Business School, spearheaded a development agreement for the Carolina North project between the Chapel Hill Town Council and the University in 2009.

The agreement will allow UNC to develop a satellite campus on the Horace Mann property, about 2 miles north of the University.

"Jack was deeply involved with working with the trustees and the chancellor to negotiate this development agreement with the Town Council," said Anna Wu, director of facilities planning.

Wu said Evans suggested that his position not be filled.

She said Evans knew he was

retiring well in advance and created a way to divide his duties among different departments.

"Jack was very organized in terms of developing this transition plan," she said.

Before his 2006 appointment as executive director of Carolina North, Evans served in a wide variety of roles at UNC.

He began at UNC as a professor in 1970. He was dean of the business school from 1979 to 1987 and served as interim dean twice afterward. Evans also served as interim vice chancellor for finance and administration for 16 months, and was UNC's faculty representative to the NCAA and Atlantic Coast Conference for 15 years.

In 2005, he received the General Alumni Association's Faculty Service Award, and in 2010 he received the Jefferson Award. Chancellor Holden Thorp held a reception in his honor at the end of December.

Jim Dean, current dean of the business school, said Evans was instrumental in creating the masters of accounting program and in redesigning the curriculum for an executive MBA program.

"We owe him an incredible debt of gratitude for everything he did as dean, and that's not counting what he did as a professor."

Though Evans is officially retired, he said he isn't completely removed from the University.

"Chancellor Thorp called me in January and said, 'You may be retired, but I need a favor.'"

In addition to phone calls every now and then, he still works with the University and is the chairman of the Board of Governors for UNC Press and sits on an NCAA committee on academic performance.

"The University paycheck has stopped but the work hasn't," he said.

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have real love," said Ikenberry, who founded the group in 2008 after realizing no similar organizations existed in the area.

Chapel Hill residents and proud puppy parents Leigh and Charlene Hayes currently foster a dog and said raising service dogs is a wonderful experience.

Leigh Hayes said the group's latest dog came from the pound before it was recruited for the program.

"Now he'll be in training to help someone with disabilities, and volunteers will be able to love him," he said.

The service dogs cost \$20,000 each, which Ikenberry says covers the price of the dog and its training as well as several other costs.

She said the group works with candidates who need financial assistance through planning initiatives like fundraisers.

Chapel Hill resident Nancy Kiplinger attended the open house in hopes of someday being able to render her services as a foster parent.

"I love the fact that the dog is here to help, but it's also an incomparable companion," she said. "I couldn't imagine a better way to help the handicapped."

Becoming a foster parent requires an 18-month commitment where volunteers help the dogs become acclimated to public locations like schools, offices and restaurants.

Ikenberry said she would be interested in recruiting UNC graduate students to become foster parents because they can provide the dogs with a variety of experiences outside the home.

"We would love to have more graduate students and to encourage the opportunity to have a dog," she said.

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