

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Cooper, Lee tie for computer science club endorsement

Student body president candidates Mary Cooper and Ian Lee gained the endorsement Wednesday of the computer science club following a forum hosted by the group.

Cooper and Lee tied with a score of 7. The candidates were all rated on a scale of one to 10.

Junior Brooklyn Stephens, a candidate, finished third with a score of five. Rick Ingram, who did not attend the forum, earned a score of one.

His rating was based solely on his platform, group officials said.

UNC program helps doctors to adopt electronic records

A program headquartered at the UNC School of Medicine is helping more than 1,500 primary health care centers around the state adopt electronic health records and other technology upgrades.

The N.C. Area Health Education Centers program was awarded a \$13.6 million federal grant last year as part of a national federal initiative to improve health care quality and efficiency.

That money established a regional center to help extend health technology.

To date, 17,000 primary-care providers have enrolled in the program nationwide, and more than 1,500 of those are from N.C.

The participants are mainly small private practices and community health centers.

Tom Bacon, executive associate dean of the UNC School of Medicine, is the director of the N.C. Area Health Education Centers program.

CITY BRIEFS

Students begin registration Feb. 7, lasts through Feb. 25

Students in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools begin registering for next year's classes Feb. 7.

Registration for rising sixth grade students lasts through Feb. 11.

Counselors from middle schools will visit the district's 10 elementary schools during that time to meet with rising 6th graders.

Students in 7th, 8th, 10th and 11th grades register from Feb. 7 to Feb. 18.

Rising 9th grade students register from Feb. 22 to Feb. 25, when counselors from the high schools will talk to students about what classes are available to them as freshmen.

All students will receive course books, which are also available online, to help them choose their courses.

Nine Chapel Hill police cars to get fuel-saving system

Nine Ford Crown Victoria patrol cars with the Chapel Hill Police Department will be outfitted with the IdleRight Vehicle Fuel Management System, paid for with a \$3,600 grant from the North Carolina Solar Center's Alternative Fuel/Advanced Vehicle Technology project.

The town also received almost \$18,700 from the solar center to help pay for four Ford Escape Hybrids, which have double the fuel economy of the old vehicles.

The IdleRight sensor monitors battery charge and turns on the car engine only when the battery is low, saving fuel and potentially reducing emissions.

The town is currently finalizing the contract with the center, after which it will take a few months to equip five vehicles with the IdleRight.

Four new cars that will be added to the police fleet in the fall through the vehicle replacement plan will also be equipped.

See dailytarheel.com for the full story.

Orange County looking at social enterprise program

Orange County is looking at social enterprise as a possible solution for employing the homeless.

A social enterprise program would provide employment opportunities for homeless people or those at risk of becoming homeless.

Chris Gergen, executive director of Bull City Forward, an organization that supports social enterprises, said he believes a social enterprise service is feasible for Orange County, but it would be difficult.

Initial funding for the project would have to be donated or borrowed. However, the project would be able to earn most of its costs once it got started, said Aaron Nelson, president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce.

One of the most well-known social enterprises is the Girl Scouts, which sells cookies instead of asking only for donations.

See dailytarheel.com for the full story.

-From staff and wire reports

Ingram intends to reform

Complaints make him 'stronger'

BY DEBORAH STRANGE
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Student body president candidate Rick Ingram has been a politician since childhood.

"I've always loved politics," he said. "My parents always say that I was campaigning when I was four years old outside the grocery store."

In place of promoting the 1992 presidential candidates, Ingram is now promoting himself.

Some have complained he started too early.

In early December, the Board of Elections decided to investigate Ingram based on an unaddressed e-mail to a

board member inviting him to work on Ingram's campaign - an e-mail that some interpreted as falling under the Student Code's definition of public campaigning. Possible candidates are prohibited from publicly campaigning until they declare their candidacy.

The board dropped the investigation citing insufficient evidence. In addition to that investigation, Ingram's campaign has been the subject of several others. He was fined \$12.50 on Tuesday for premature dorm-storming.

Candidate profiles

Monday: Brooklyn Stephens

Tuesday: Ian Lee

Wednesday: Mary Cooper

Ingram dismissed the fine as a slap on the wrist. And he said he hasn't let the complaints put a damper on his determination.

If anything, he said the complaints have had the opposite effect.

"There are going to be people who are going to try to knock you down and stop you from meeting your goals," he said, "but that doesn't stop you - it makes you stronger."

Ingram said the complaints that have swirled around his campaign and others have not dampened his resolve to help others.

He said the most important part of his campaign is helping students afford UNC's escalating price tag by decreasing student fees.

Because of the anticipated \$3.7 billion state deficit, Ingram said in-state students may see a tuition increase of nearly \$1,000 next year.

To his campaign staff, that is unacceptable.

"Having a public university no one can afford is worthless," said Billy Kluttz, one of Ingram's three campaign managers.

Their plan is to dissect every stu-



DTH/ERIN HULL

Rick Ingram, a candidate for student body president, says he wants to help students afford UNC during a year of tuition increases and budget cuts.

dent fee, looking at their planned usage and actual utility. Under-utilized fees would be lowered.

Ingram said he also hopes to build a better relationship between student government and the student body, something his campaign believes to be severely lacking.

"Students appreciated being asked to get involved," said Jeff DeLuca, a member of Ingram's campaign team. "Students don't feel connected, but they want to. You just have to ask them."

Ingram would put student orga-

nizations into communities based on similar interests.

He attributed the volume of complaints to his plans to reform student government.

"The system works well for them, but it doesn't work well for other students," Ingram said. "When you stand up and reject that the system is working for everyone, you're going to get a little bit of a backlash, and I think that's what happened."

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DTH/BEN BERRY

Communication studies graduate student Cameron Ayres, UNC alumna Victoria Facelli and communication studies professor Tony Perucci rehearse "Sterilize," a production by The Performance Collective. The show will be performed Thursday and Friday at The Artery.

COLLECTIVELY CLEAN

Performance group's play explores sterility

BY TARIQ LUTHUN
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The members of the Performance Collective don't call themselves activists.

But their latest production definitely carries a message.

Their original production, "Sterilize," which questions the concept of purity, opens at the Student Artery tonight.

The show is a satirical look at modern society's obsession with seeking medical, cultural and ethnic sterility.

"We are giving a performance to point to sterilization as a cultural obsession, but also as a cultural practice," said Peter Pendergrass, a senior studio art and performance studies major.

Pendergrass said the performance does not have any hidden political motives but instead serves as a way to open up the topic for discussion.

Coming off of a successful performance of "The Activist" - which won Best Original Script, among other awards from the Independent Weekly - the collective wants to add to its repertoire, but not with

any pressure, said Tony Perucci, an assistant professor in the department of communication studies.

The Performance Collective emerged in the spring of 2009 from a series of Friday workshops for art students.

"For us, the process of collaborative performance-making is just as important as the product itself," Perucci said.

"We didn't set out to be a performance group, we just realized that we were one."

The roughly 40-minute show features an eight-member cast working with minimal props as they struggle to deliver a humorous yet thought-provoking experience.

The idea for "Sterilize" - which debuted as a part of the Durham Art Walk in November - arose when members of the collective began discussing ideas for their next performance.

During the discussion, dirt and messes came up.

"It was that talk that we rallied around and got us thinking about cleanliness as something we could approach from different angles," Pendergrass said.

The piece will follow the story of a group

SEE 'STERILIZE'

Time: 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday

Location: The Artery, 136 E. Rosemary Street

Tickets: Pay-as-you-wish admission

Info: www.thestudentartery.com

known as the cleaning squad as they attempt to purify Loribird, a character serving as the entity of beauty and purity within the show.

"I wouldn't say that the characters exist outside the story in any regard, but we are trying to place it within a larger social construct," said senior Lori Baldwin, who plays Loribird.

"We don't consider these characters to be realistic, and they're not intended to be."

A lot of societal stigmas will be addressed, from hand sanitizer use to the North Carolina female eugenics crisis in the early 20th century, Baldwin said.

And though the piece might be too topical for some, members are excited about the outcome.

"There are definitely people who wouldn't like this," Baldwin said. "But I still want them to come."

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Drive through rules debated

Town considers clearer regulation

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Two businesses with drive-throughs are in talks with the town of Chapel Hill to open up shop.

Meanwhile, the Economic Development Department is trying to clarify drive-through rules.

Businesses constructed after 2003 are not allowed to have drive-throughs, which can affect sales.

The construction of drive-through windows is only allowed in Chapel Hill with a special use permit, Senior Planner Kay Pearlstein said.

The department is reviewing the results of past applications, and Economic Development Officer Dwight Bassett will present the findings at a hearing.

"What we're seeking is to have clarity on what the council desires," Bassett said.

The permit is awarded after the council reviews the application and holds a public hearing. The entire process can take between 12 and 18 months, Pearlstein said.

The McDonald's on Franklin Street would have better sales if it had a drive-through, General Manager Martinez Hernandez said.

A lot of customers are looking for a quick meal and do not want to stop and park.

Hernandez said many of his customers turn to other businesses that have drive-through windows.

A shortage of parking also deters business, Hernandez said. Although the restaurant has its own parking lot, customers of other businesses often use McDonald's parking lot.

"You have no idea. We get [complaints] every day," Hernandez said.

The Chapel Hill Town Council did not allow McDonald's to construct a drive-through out of concern that it would affect the traffic flow.

"I understand where they are coming from," Hernandez said. "But as a business, we want to do what is best for us."

Restaurants like Wendy's in Carrboro and Sunrise Biscuit Kitchen on East Franklin Street predate both towns' legislation and are allowed to have drive-throughs.

In 1998, Carrboro adopted a permit policy for drive-throughs. The legislation allows certain businesses to earn a conditional use permit, which requires a public hearing, planing administrator Trish McGuire said.

Drive-through businesses are required to be at least 1,000 feet apart from each other and are not allowed in residential areas, McGuire said.

"The reason was to limit the amount and not have a proliferation of them," McGuire said.

Bassett said he believes Chapel Hill's regulations are just as strict as Carrboro's, but stricter than Durham and Raleigh.

Neither town is considering revoking the legislation, which is forcing affected businesses to conform.

"There should be something in the middle that we could work out," Hernandez said.

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Library relocation debated

Town Council hears public opinion

BY MARY CHOI
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It was a full house Wednesday evening at the Chapel Hill Town Hall as residents discussed whether to relocate the town's only public library to a mall.

The town held a public hearing on the option to move the Chapel Hill Public Library from its current location at 100 Library Drive to University Mall, replacing Dillard's.

Most residents present said they would prefer the library to be

expanded in its current location. They cited children's safety, jobs at Dillard's and less attractive scenery as reasons to stay on Library Drive.

Sydney Simmons, a senior at East Chapel Hill High School, said students use the library for studying, tutoring and escaping distractions from home.

"I feel like our voice isn't heard in this issue, and that's a big reason why I wanted to be heard," Simmons said.

She said if the library was relo-

cated to University Mall, she would be inclined to shop rather than study.

Simmons said she had attended town council meetings to learn more about the issue after her mother expressed concern. She said she handed out more than 400 fliers and created a petition last Sunday that garnered more than 200 signatures in opposition of the move.

Madison Marquette offered in November to permanently house the library in the space Dillard's currently occupies.

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Learning Center to teach speed reading

5-week class free for UNC students

BY JACQUELINE KANTOR
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A reading speed of 200 or 300 words per minute might seem like a lot.

That is unless it's compared to the typical number of pages college students have to read - and retain - in a night of regular reading for class.

But help is on the way in the

form of a new, free class that could teach students to double or even triple their reading speed.

The "Reading for Retention" course offered by UNC's Learning Center and the Center for Student Success and Academic Counseling aims to make a 600 words-per-minute pace possible for any student.

Registration opened Tuesday for the five-week class taught by Mary Willingham, the assistant director of the success and counseling center.

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