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Three UCers win national awards

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From Under Construction crew

Following last month's national first-place award by columnist DeWarren Langley, three other Under Construction members were honored for their past year's work.

Sakura Christmas and Pete Kiehart earned first-place honors for writing and photography, respectively from the Youth Editorial Alliance, a Newspaper Association of America Foundation program that works with youth publications in professional newspapers. Kiehart also was named the national high school photographer of the year by the Eddie Adams Workshop.

Winna Bridgewater, a UNC Chapel Hil junior, earned a third place from YEA for a photo illustration on safety in schools.

Christmas, a Harvard University freshman, took first place for her personality profile on a paralyzed Jordan High School student who returned to school after months of rehab. Kiehart earned a first for his photos on the peace demonstration rally in Washington, D.C.

Kiehart, a Carolina Friends School senior, also won the inaugural High School Photographer of the Year competition co-sponsored by the Eddie Adams Workshop and B&H Photo and Video.

The contest chose one high school student nationwide to attend the workshop on Oct. 10-13 in upstate New York. This is the first time a high school student was selected.

"Pete, Sakura and Winna have worked hard during the past several years. They have proven to be valuable members of Under Construction and we hope to see their work with The Herald-Sun continue," said Features Editor Cameron Tew, who oversees Under Construction and works with the teen-agers.

"They continue to show that teens can be discriminating readers and look at issues that go beyond trends and music," Tew said. "They are shining examples of what teen journalists can do, while providing a voice and a forum for teens around the Triangle."

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