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2000-01 University **Telephone Directory** now available

Students who live off campus can pick up a copy of the new directory at one of the following locations: University Union Information Center, Seahawk Perch (UU101), and the Office of the Dean of Students (UU209).

Student travel grants available

The English Department is currently accepting applications for student travel fellowships in honor of Michael D. Wentworth, English professor. Charles F. Green III, a former student, provides \$10,000 annually to allow a select number of students to travel to sites, in America or abroad, associated with their favorite writers and works of literature.

Students whose travel will be funded must keep a journal, write an essay about their journey, and participate in a public forum of Wentworth Fellows subsequent

Preference will be given to undergraduate students and it is expected that the travel will mainly be taken during spring break or summer and completed prior to the students' graduation.

Applications will be available in the English department office and the deadline for submission is Nov. 15.

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Davis said he is opposed to the "spitting" idea and instead proposed that graduation be held in a location big enough to accommodate the entire graduating class. He also suggested that if students are willing to pay for graduation, cap and gowns could be school colors, graduates could get more than three tickets, and a well-known speaker could be acquired. Davis said he wasn't impressed with the speaker at last year's graduation.

'I want someone to talk to the students,'

Bill Cosby and John Grisham were among names discussed as possible speak-

The group agreed that a Web site geared towards UNCW seniors and issues that affect them is needed and they will attempt to create one. They discussed having surveys on the site as a way for seniors to give input regarding these and other issues

At press-time a web site had not been implemented.

Meetings discussing these and similar issues will be held throughout the semester in the University Union Living Room, Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

hosts county candidate forum

STAFF WRITER

As students voters are making plans for the presidential election, the university is attempting to familiarize students and the community with local representative and candidates for office

UNCW and the Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA) sponsored a forum last Wednesday night featuring candidates for the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners. Don Ansell of WAAV-A.M. 980 served as moderator of the event, which took place in King Hall Auditorium.

"We have an excellent opportunity here to see grassroots American politics in action," Johnny Hannigan, president of CONA, said. "A forum designed to explicit views and plans of action from candidates aspiring to represent us in the governing of our county."

Before the forum began, Eric McKeithan, president of Cape Fear Community College, spoke on the issue of the \$3.1 billion statewide bond referendum. McKeithan reminded the audience that the bond will be included on the back of the ballots at the polls on November 7

McKeithan explained that the need for the bond is a result of the "echo-boomers," children of the baby-boomer generation, putting pressure on institutions for education twenty years ago, and continuing this pressure for additional training opportunities in

'It's important for everyone to realize that these bonds will not cause a state tax increase," McKeithan said.

New Hanover County Board of Commissioner candidates are: Democrat Patricia Snyder, Libertarian Robert J. Smith, Republican Nancy Pritchett, Democrat Harper Peterson, Republican Incumbent Ted Davis Jr., Democrat Julia Boseman and Republican Incumbent Buzz Birzenieks.

The forum began with a panel of Wilmington media and political science representatives directing questions toward the candidates. The candidates then addressed any audience questions before returned to another round of questions from panel mem-

During the forum, Snyder said that she supports wise use of taxpayer dollars, planned growth and protection of the environment. In response to questions from the panel and audience, she said that she does not think that tax dollars were used properly in the past four years, citing the fact that property tax has increased fifty-nine percent.

In his opening statement, Smith encouraged people to look at the web site www.lwvnhcinttek.net, where he has provided a place for people to see what he believes and things he has done in the past.

Pritchett has been a resident of New Hanover County for 31 years and promised to listen to the people of the community and make decisions based on their opinion," not just her own, and to focus on what is good for the community.



At New Hanover County election forum last Wednesday night candidates (left to right) Patricia Snyder, Robert J. Smith, Nancy Prichet, Harper Peterson, incumbant Ted Davis, Jr., Julia Boseman, and Buzz Birzenieks to presented their platforms.

ful government is total public involvement and that it is important to protect hard earned

When questioned by the panel, Davis said he is in favor of a strengthened drainage plan

Peterson said that the key to any success- in Wilmington as well as a county wide trash

"I have no hidden agenda, I just want to serve you," he said.

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