

# ELECTIONS School Board Candidate Profiles ELECTIONS

Chapel Hill and Carrboro will elect five new members to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education on Nov. 7.

Today, The Daily Tar Heel profiles three more of the 13 candidates seeking to improve the school system.

## Board Needs to Control Spending

With 17 years of business experience, Kevin Cook said he thought he could help the school board be more cost conscious and fair to all the schools in the system.

"We need to build even more schools, but we haven't paid for the ones we're building," Cook said. "We need to show the towns that we can spend the money correctly. Needs for new schools were defined back in 1990, and it has taken longer than needed to fund, as well as build the new schools."

Besides problems with funding for schools, Cook also said he saw a problem with the way the school board neglected to focus attention on issues important to a wide range of people. He said he believed the school board was "trying to do too much for just a few and not a lot for everybody."

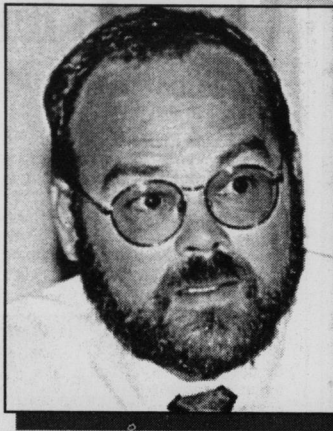
Too much money was spent on McDougle Middle School, and a more sensible plan would have left funds to upgrade other schools, Cook said.

There is also a need for more schools to alleviate overcrowding and to reduce the teacher/student ratio, he said. Cook said having smaller class sizes should help to raise minority test scores.

Although Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools have the best overall Scholastic Aptitude Test scores in the state, minority test scores in the system are below average compared to other minorities in the state, he said.

"We have to consciously make an effort to improve the minority scores," Cook said.

"We need to reduce the class size, develop individualized educational plans, follow those plans and help all the teachers



**Kevin Cook**

**Age:** 39  
**Address:** 205 Somerset Drive  
**Previous Experience:** PTA president at Underwood Elementary in Raleigh  
**Occupation:** Owner and president of Carolina Home Mortgage  
**Children:** Three  
**Length of Time in Community:** 2 1/2 years  
**College Attended:** N.C. State University

reach them."

Cook said he believed this could be accomplished through improved interaction and communication within the schools and among those involved with the schools.

"I think there's a communication problem within the school system, and I think the minorities have received less focus on their children's needs," he said.

"The board has not done a good job communicating to the community about what programs they are planning to implement."

Cook said if he was elected, he would

work to establish true site-based management in the schools.

"Individual schools need a lot more leeway in determining what their budget and curriculum needs are," Cook said. "We need to allow the schools the freedom to be able to make decisions that affect their children."

Cook said he believed strongly in service to the community, but has problems with mandating service requirements. He said a key to fostering a sense of community was that service should be voluntary.

PROFILE COMPILED BY CARLOS DE MATTOS

## Smaller Classes Will Benefit Students

As a parent of two children in the public school system and a candidate for Chapel Hill-Carrboro School Board, Harvey Goldstein said he believed the major problem with the school system is the issue of overcrowding.

"I am an extreme advocate for excellence in schools," said Goldstein, who hopes to achieve this excellence by reducing class sizes and coordinating the three branches of local government to facilitate the building of new schools. "Overcrowding and class sizes are much too large for teaching and optimal learning to take place," he said.

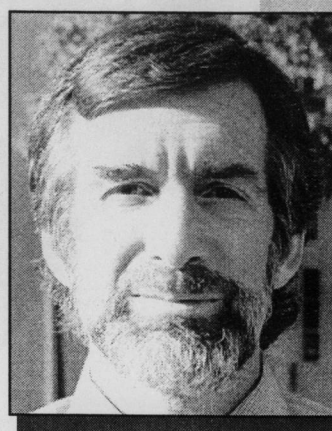
Solving this problem is a short and long-term concern, Goldstein said. Concerning the short term goals, a new elementary school and a new high school are set to open by August. This will eliminate the overcrowding for two or three years, but all schools will be over capacity by 1998, Goldstein said. The school system will need a new elementary and middle school by the year 2000, he said.

The major source of financing for new schools will need to be bonds, and other sources will have to help, Goldstein said.

Goldstein also said there is a necessity for coordination with the local government. "There is no coordination among the three branches of local government."

To achieve this coordination, Goldstein said joint planning needed to exist among the branches, and the board needed to change the way the long-term capacity plan for the schools was conducted.

Goldstein also said he was concerned with improving minority test scores and overall academic achievement. One way to improve scores is to do a better job of



**Harvey Goldstein**

**Age:** 48  
**Address:** 1508 Jones Ferry Road  
**Previous Experience:** PTA President, Orange County Skills Development Program Board  
**Occupation:** UNC professor  
**Children:** Two  
**Length of Time in Community:** 13 years  
**College Attended:** Columbia University

having effective parental supervision and mentors for the children, he said.

Many black students come to school unprepared to learn because they have not had parents to help them with their schoolwork and learning, he said. On the elementary levels, parents of minority students often are not there to read to their children, which is a vital part of learning.

Academic achievement is also a concern of Goldstein's. "I don't think our schools are academically challenging all of our students," he said. "All our students are capable of academically achieving

more." The size of classes needs to decrease, which will permit the teachers to address independent needs. "Smaller class sizes will improve the test scores of all students, not just those of the minority," he said.

Goldstein also said the members need to regularly go out into the community and talk to various groups about how well they believe the members are doing their job. "There needs to be more formal and informal lines of communication, not just parents, but others who have a stake," he said.

PROFILE COMPILED BY MEGAN MONTGOMERY

## Schools Should Try New Curricula

Sara Williams' concern about the numerous problems in the school system has prompted her to run for a school board seat.

"I plan on focusing on three issues," Williams said. First, she said she wants to decrease the gap between the minority and majority in the schools. Second, Williams said she wanted to look at fiscal issues in order to closely examine how the schools' money is spent. Site-based management is also concerns Williams, she said.

If these issues are corrected, the education of the children in the system will be improved, she said.

Change might be what the school system needs to better the education of students, Williams said. "We don't need the old system if we're going to compete with nations like Japan," she said.

Williams said she proposed that the school system pilot a three track year-round school. Implementing a year-round system will address the problem of overcrowding in the schools, she said. This system would allow for 33 percent more spaces for children in the school system.

This increase is possible because all the children would not be in school at the same time, but would rotate on nine-week schedules, with three or four week breaks in between, Williams said.

"With the year-round system there wouldn't be a long summer break but a few weeks for breaks after every quarter," Williams said. "This would allow for more retention on the child's part. I bet that scores would go way up if we had a year-round school."

This change will increase the overall



**Sara Williams**

**Age:** 44  
**Address:** 222 Ridge Trail  
**Occupation:** Program manager for INCLN (a physician training program in School of Medicine)  
**Children:** Two  
**Length of Time in Community:** 18 years  
**College Attended:** UNC

performance of a majority of the children because they would have less time to forget information, Williams said.

Elementary and middle school age children should be targeted for the year-round school program, because some students who reach high school cannot read or write, Williams said. "This is the most critical time for kids and early intervention is the key," she said. "We must reach children while they are young."

As for the concern about lower minority scores, Williams said it may be necessary to implement a different curriculum for

minority students. "I know everyone has the potential to learn," she said. "It may be that the present curriculum is not working for minorities. A different curriculum may need to be implemented in order to make minority children learn more effectively."

Williams also said she was concerned about the lack of involvement of parents and faculty had with school issues.

"If teachers, principals and board members can work together, our goals can be accomplished much easier and effectively," Williams said.

PROFILE COMPILED BY CHERYL CHIN

## GOLD

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versity. "Many of you here have played an important part in my growth, and I sincerely want to thank you for taking the time to listen to me, for giving me good advice, and, at times, for letting me cry on your shoulder. It's obviously paid off," Gold said.

Gold said teamwork was important to University Police, and he said the changes this summer were examples of what could

be accomplished through cooperation.

"What we started over the summer was giving our employees wider input into the direction of the department," he said. "For the first time in an awful long time, this department came together and did an awful lot of good stuff for this community."

"They initiated a quality improvement program within the department that was unparalleled at the University at that time; they worked very hard at accreditation. Everyone in this room who wears this uniform knows how hard we worked," Gold said.

Since 1992, Gold has served as operations manager of the department, coordinating special events and working with Chapel Hill and Carrboro. Associate Vice Chancellor Carolyn Elford, who made the final decision in the selection process, said this history of collaboration was the most important aspect of Gold's resume.

Later, Gold, spoke of the need for greater communication between the University community and University Police. "It's been very clear to me over the years that we serve the community," he said. "The community has to have input into what we do."

## MEADOWMONT

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He said that Meadowmont was geared towards wealthy residents, with future development of expensive housing and shops instead of promised affordable housing.

"Instead of a council that insisted on laying the foundation for the best future that Chapel Hill can imagine, the majority on council settled for the mediocre," Foy said.

Roger Perry, of East West Partners, the developers of the Meadowmont project, said his firm had done what it could to take into account residents' concerns.

East West Partners had been working on Meadowmont for close to five years and had made many revisions in order to provide affordable housing and complied with the town's Comprehensive Plan.

During the meeting, council member Rosemary Waldorf requested a stipulation against East West Partners. Waldorf asked that East West Partners donate 18 acres to ease the overcrowding of Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools. The developers offered only 10 acres Monday night. East West Partners could not begin development until this stipulation is reached, Broun said.

If East West Partners agreed to the stipulation, they must then apply for a land-use permit in order to begin development, still several months away, Broun said.

## Campus Calendar

- WEDNESDAY**
- 3 p.m. UNC COUNSELING CENTER will have a Dissertation Support Group in Nash Hall. Call 962-2175 for more information.
  - 3:30 p.m. UNC COUNSELING CENTER will have a support group for Women Graduate Students in Nash Hall.
  - 4 p.m. UNDERGRADUATE SOCIOLOGY CLUB will meet in Union 210.
  - 5 p.m. YOUTH ANGST SOCIETY Five students will read poetry, prose and drama in the Bull's Head Bookshop at the second YAS reading. Brian Blanchfield, Claire Campbell, Susannah Joy Felts, Johnny Knight and Gary Mason will read from their work.
  - SCHOOL OF EDUCATION will have an information session in 308 Hanes Hall.
  - 5:30 p.m. NEWMAN CATHOLIC CENTER will have Student Night on Miracles with Father Garo.
  - 6 p.m. WESLEY FOUNDATION invites you to dinner and Worship service at 214 Pittsboro St. Cost is \$2.
  - CAMPUS SCOUTS will have an organizational meeting on the second floor of the Union.
  - ELECTIONS BOARD will meet in Suite C of C 217/G to prepare for the remainder of the semester.
  - 6:15 p.m. LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRIES will meet for worship and a fellowship meal in the Campus Center in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.
  - 6:30 p.m. WIN will meet in 302 Dey Hall.
  - 7 p.m. NC FELLOWS AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT will sponsor the workshop, "Communicating with Power" in 101 Greenlaw.
  - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY will meet in Union 205-206.
  - UNC ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLUB will have two speakers in New Carroll T1.
- 7:30 p.m. KALLISTH** will meet in Union 226.
- 9 p.m. CLUB FIELD HOCKEY** will meet for practice on the Navy Field.
- ITEMS OF INTEREST**
- CHILD ADVOCACY PROGRAM will meet on Thursday in Union 213.
  - UNIVERSITY CAREER SERVICES will sponsor several programs starting at 3:30 p.m. in 210 Hanes Hall and a presentation by Morgan Stanley at 7 p.m. at the Carolina Inn.
  - SEAC NATIONAL CONFERENCE VOLUNTEERS will have an orientation meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in 209 Manning Hall.
  - HONOR COURT will have mandatory presentations for freshmen and transfers this week at 7 p.m. in 106 Carroll Hall, 100 Hamilton Hall and 209 Manning.
  - CAMPUS Y will be hosting a Catalyst for Positive Social Change outreach Nov. 10-12. The Y is looking for hosts and facilitators to help touch the lives of teen-agers across the state. For more information, call 962-2333.
  - HEALTH SCIENCE LIVING AND LEARNING PROGRAM will have a discussion about AIDS at 8 p.m. on Wednesday on the second floor of Carmichael dorm.
  - UNC RUNNING CLUB will have group runs Monday-Friday at 6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. No meetings Saturdays.
  - Call Jon at 968-8654.
  - SURVIVOR OF SUICIDE SUPPORT GROUP meets the first and third Thursdays of each month. Call Brenda at 489-5473 for more information.
  - HELLENIC ASSOCIATION is announcing the start of Greek dance classes. Classes will be held Wednesday, 7-8 p.m. and Saturday 1-2 p.m. in Studio A in Woolen Gym.
  - CAROLINA S.A.F.E. has openings for CPR and First Aid courses. Call 962-CPR1 for more information.

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