

Student Audit Board: lost in hibernation

The Student Audit Board was established in 1932 by a vote of the student body for the purpose of supervising and disbursing student activities fees. The audit board assumed control of student fees that year, enabling students to assume the responsibility for their own self-imposed public monies.

The record of the Student Audit Board and its subsidiary agency, the Student Activities Fund Office, was instrumental in the fight to retain control of student fees in 1970-71. That year the administration moved disbursement of the fees under the jurisdiction of the vice chancellor for finance. A long process of negotiation and an appeal to the Board of Trustees eventually led to the restoration of student control of the disbursement of student fees.

In 1975, the Student Audit Board is dead.

Death of the board

No one has repealed the legislation establishing and governing the audit board. The administration has not arbitrarily disbanded it. Rather, two of its three members resigned this summer without informing the president of the student body and without giving the two months notice required by the rules governing the board.

With only one member, the Student Audit Board cannot obtain a quorum and so has been officially dormant this entire semester.

The Student Audit Board is supposed to oversee the operations of the Student Activities Fund Office and its director. It is supposed to inform the Campus Governing Council about any suspicious practices by any organization with an account in the fund. In effect, it is designed to serve as the general accounting office of Carolina's student government.

Because the board is dormant, it cannot supervise the SAFO operation. It cannot release public records to the campus media. It cannot serve the CGC as it has been designed to do.

In last spring's budget hearings, outgoing CGC Finance Chairperson Carl Fox recommended dissolution of the Student Audit Board because it was dormant even with three members on the board. That recommendation was not acted upon, and the audit board is

hibernating even more than before.

Resurrection

If student government leaders are anxious about the accountability of those handling student monies, from the student body treasurer to the SAFO director to the individual organizations with funds in SAFO, they ought to stop playing around with the contrived notion of a CGC-dominated comptroller and should revitalize the institution which has historically served the legislative branch as a source of information and audits of student accounts.

Student Body President Bill Bates must act immediately to nominate two qualified individuals to serve on the board and the CGC must confirm two new members so that the audit board can fulfill its purpose.

The recent discovery of around \$178,000 in the General Surplus should not have been a "discovery" at all. The students ought to have known about the size of this reserve all along, and their leadership should have been quite familiar with the amount, purposes and encumbrances of the fund.

That no one was certain about these matters regarding the public monies of the student body is a sad comment upon the functioning of the student government system under which we operate. Our leaders should not devote their time and energies to political infighting, personal squabbles or persecution of wayward student organizations. Instead they should devote themselves to learning about the problems of the student body and the resources available for solving those problems.

That is the least we can expect from those whom we elect to further our collective wellbeing.

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Candidates explain platforms

Mayor a full-time job

By Gerry Cohen

I'm running for mayor of Chapel Hill because I believe that I have the knowledge and experience to be effective. I am in contact with all elements of Chapel Hill's diverse population.

In my campaign, I have been speaking out on many town issues, such as the need for more bikeways and recreational facilities, better rush-hour bus service and opposing plans to widen roads through older neighborhoods. I have tried to suggest solutions in a positive fashion, to try and unify our town, a town that has tripled in population in just 15 years.

The mayor has multiple roles. The mayor presides at aldermen meetings, and must be prepared on each issue on the agenda.

Under the charter, the mayor is the representative of the town with the state, federal and other local governments. I have extensive contacts in all these areas.

Importantly, the position also functions as somewhat of an ombudsman. Citizens are skeptical about government.

The mayor receives dozens of calls, letters and visits each week because citizens believe that the mayor can help.

Since Howard Lee's election, the mayor has been a full-time position, and we cannot afford to go back to the days when the mayor was accessible to only a few.

Our community is at a crossroads. Will it have the vision to move forward toward social and economic justice?

One difference between the candidates is the position of federal funding. While I too believe in caution, I realize that there are hundreds out of work in Chapel Hill, and Congress has provided funding for many socially useful programs. We are using federal funds to employ bus drivers, carpenters to rehabilitate housing, a social worker to aid problem juveniles, and an extra dogwarden. With the energy problem, it is unlikely that mass transit funding will be cut off.

Federal funds can help the community meet its needs. If we can put the unemployed to work in useful programs, it is heartless to talk about

"soft money and hard money." We are talking about people money.

If funding ends, we can cut programs. But we need the commitment now to a community with opportunity.

The issue is no longer whether everyone can eat at the same lunch counter. The issue must be whether everyone can afford to pay for the meal and whether everyone has a decent house in a neighborhood with pride.

I have experience in local government, with two years of elective service on the Board of Aldermen. I attended all Board meetings for two years before that. I have worked on today's local problems, not just those of the 1940's and 1950's.

I have a clear voting record. I voted to establish the bus system, but against uniforms. I have voted for reduced fares for the elderly, but against free life-time bus passes for Aldermen. I have voted to rehabilitate housing in the lowest-income areas and to put the flower ladies back on Franklin Street. I have voted for day care centers and new sidewalks.

When many young people said the political system would not work, I showed them how it could. I have been active in involving all elements in town government. I have worked in voter registration drives and political campaigns.

I have lobbied in Raleigh and Washington for important bills to help tenants, to keep public control of our electric system and to extend absentee voting to students, just to mention a few, as well as against the death penalty.

There is a need for some of us to be public citizens. I believe I have the time and the leadership abilities to be mayor.

When the leading candidate for mayor of Carrboro says even that town needs a full-time mayor, you can appreciate the complexity of local government.

I have put forward a positive and specific program, without the platitudes that many politicians bury their campaigns in. Now, I ask for your vote on November 4.

Preparing for transition

By Jimmy Wallace

As you drive in from Durham and the billboards shut out the view, you notice that something happens at the county line: no more billboards, just signs, and small ones at that. And if you are coming from Raleigh, and you have—once again—survived NC 54, a similar transformation occurs: just as you pass the sign that reads "Orange County," the view ahead and around you takes on an uncommonly pleasant aspect. And as you journey through this tranquil setting toward the modest rise to the west, you feel certain that you are approaching a special place.

And you are right, and many, many thousands have had that feeling. Those with a poetic turn of mind have called it "the southern part of Heaven." Those who suffer from political paranoia see it as a nest of radicals. Those who value human liberties view it as a great bastion of freedom. In the academic world, the words "Chapel Hill" are an identifying tag that needs no zip code, and they are taken as being synonymous with the University of North Carolina. To the people of the State, those who have made it all possible, it is their crowning achievement. Though they often disagree with what is said and done here, they know that goals greater than mere agreement are being sought here.

I am running for Mayor of this unique town. I'm running as an independent, as a candidate with experience and as a person with a deep commitment to the University community.

I entered the University in 1940, and with the exception of three years that I taught mathematics and science at Robersonville High School, I have lived here ever since.

I cut my teeth writing for the *Daily Tar Heel* and pushing for students rights when I should have been studying physics. In the 40's and 50's it wasn't an easy thing to speak up for civil rights, and in the early 60's one couldn't get the time of day with a catchy new word called "environment."

But some of us persisted with these new things, and now, in looking back, we would not have had it any other way. We know that there is a

subtle chemistry about Chapel Hill that tends to lead the times, and we are all the better for it.

For example, we fought for a Public Accommodations Ordinance for Chapel Hill prior to Congressional action in that area. We were able to stave off Duke Power's plan to desecrate Laurel Hill with a massive high-voltage line, and we defeated the Highway Commission's proposed four-lane radial road through a portion of Battle Park. And, in recent years, under the leadership of Mayor Lee, the battle for human dignity and environmental integrity has continued in such areas as housing, public transportation and recreation.

But all these things can only serve as prologue for what is to come, and one might well ask: why run for Mayor, why run now and why should a member of the University community support you?

I have offered as a candidate because I believe that I am in as close touch with the many elements of our diverse community as anyone presently living here. I feel that to be a successful office-holder in such a heterogeneously composed town requires this characteristic; otherwise, the lines between groups become barriers to discussion and the health of the whole community suffers.

I feel that we now have a rare opportunity to plan fresh initiatives while, at the same time, continuing with the programs that have been so well begun. We have a new charter, a new manager, an essentially new board, and we will have a new mayor. I believe that I could contribute to the maintenance of the necessary equilibrium during this transitional period.

In addition, it is vital, and especially so in these days of economic uncertainty, that Chapel Hill be well represented in its many dealings with other units of government. This duty is rapidly emerging as the mayor's principal role, and it is a role that I feel qualified to undertake.

Last of all, the human and physical environment of our University town, where youth and freedom dwell, is a treasure to be preserved, not only for ourselves, but for those who are yet to come.

letters

Clarifying the "challenge" to debate

To the editor:

Apparently some sort of clarification is in order concerning the proposed debate between candidates Eric Locher and Dan Besse. According to Greg Porter, Eric's reply to Dan's challenge was "a blatant attempt to manipulate the media to Locher's advantage." A closer examination of Eric's letter reveals that, in fact, he had no intention of debating Dan, and he attempted to utilize the *DTH* to make this fact clear.

Eric's contention is that all the residents of Cobb and Lower Quad deserve a chance to see the candidates, but that a debate at 2:30 in the afternoon or any other time would not provide such an opportunity. It should not be necessary for voters to go to the candidates; the candidates should go to the voters. Thus the statement that the debate would be held "between now and next Wednesday, October 29, 1975." As Eric stated in his letter, the residents of Morehead Confederation will decide the representation issue at the polling places, i.e. the Cobb and Everett lobbies. The candidates would decide nothing in debate.

As stated by many on this page (including Greg Porter) representation is the issue in this election and this fact has been widely publicized around Morehead Confederation. For this reason a debate between the candidates on the issue of representation is unnecessary, and a debate on any other issues would be superfluous.

At worst Eric's letter is a poorly worded refusal to debate Dan Besse. At best Greg Porter's article serves to perpetuate a misconception which the *DTH* did not adequately investigate. This is an unfortunate departure from the fair and comprehensive coverage which the *DTH* has provided for this recall election. Hopefully this letter has served to clarify and correct this situation.

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Housing in the students' interest

To the editor:

Dr. Condie's lack of decision this past weekend about next year's room sign up procedure is not in the best interests of the Student Body. Solutions for Dr. Condie's three objections to the persistence system have been offered by a variety of students. Only time and effort is needed to make this system a workable one and one more week of delay only hampers the effort of concerned students to have a viable and representative system.

I strongly encourage Dr. Condie to immediately accept the modified persistence system in order that a majority of the input may come from the students. This system



would be both wanted and approved by the students, and University Housing would truly be concerned with the students' interest.

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Out with Dooley

To the editor:

Re: Saturday afternoon's game. There is a current feeling in management circles that, without a significant change in conditions, a management person outlives his usefulness and uniqueness after a period of about five years.

College football needs originality in coaching. Quality in football in the ACC has improved drastically over the past nine years. The coach who brought us from perennial losing to winning records is to be commended for his outstanding progress in building a solid football program here.

But we feel it is time for a change. New innovations and better utilization of talent is necessary if we are to restore Carolina's leadership in the ACC.

been no discernable improvement in our program. Stagnation has occurred, and we feel a change is needed.

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To the editor:

In light of the Tar Heel's rather embarrassing showing this past weekend against a powerful ECU team (For you older sports fans that's ECTC), I have a suggestion for the powers that be in the football office. Recently, the team from my old alma mater, the Davidson College Wildcats—set a new NCAA record for giving up the most yards rushing in a single game. That football powerhouse Lenoir Rhyne College scored something in excess of 900 yards rushing against a fired-up Wildcat defense.

It seems fitting that serious consideration should be given to arranging a meeting between these two record setting teams. Coach Dooley could simply replace ECTC with Davidson and besides, if the Heels lost there are many fewer of us Davidson alumni

to have to take crap from for a whole year.

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Pointless arrogance

To the editor:

I have been disturbed with the attitude expressed in some of the letters printed in the *DTH*. It seems to me that too many people are intolerant of, and even hostile towards people expressing opinions contrary to their own. In this letter I am specifically referring to Donny Harrison's attack of Robert Katz' presentation of "Who Killed JFK?"

I thought that Katz' program brought out many legitimate points to consider which cast suspicion on the Warren Commission report, including slides and eyewitness reports. But this is not the point. In this conspiracy/no conspiracy controversy, nothing has yet been conclusively proven, and perhaps nothing ever will be. Why then should Harrison's conclusion be "fact," while the opposing opinion merely "Idi Amin rationality" and lies?

Donny Harrison has the right to believe whatever he wants to believe. But he does not have the right to call a person who disagrees with him a lying "hypothesizing idiot." This kind of arrogance is unnecessary and pointless.

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