

Halloween party extraordinaire

Elections

Four years of progress?

Four years of progress—or the lack of progress—will begin today as voters in Chapel Hill and Carrboro decide the fate of two bond referenda, four mayoral candidates, twenty-two aldermen candidates and four candidates for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro school board.

Much change has occurred in Chapel Hill and Carrboro in the last four years. Much more change is forthcoming. The only immediate action open to the citizenry is the selection of office-holders who will be responsive to its needs.

The votes of members of the University community, particularly the large number of students registered to vote in the two towns, may be decisive in setting the course of this small part of North Carolina's Piedmont. If the interests of students and University employees is to be reflected in the actions of the municipalities, we must join our fellow residents in a large turnout at the polls.

The polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Their locations and areas served are listed on the front page.

Bonds and the school board

The bond issues, one for improvements in sewer services and one for street improvement, have been supported by almost all of the Chapel Hill candidates, including mayor hopefuls Jim Wallace and Gerry Cohen. The general recognition of the need for such improvements ought to ensure the passage of both bonds.

In the school board race, two incumbents and two challengers are after two seats. Although not of immediate interest to the vast majority of students who have no contact with the school system, the election is of importance to those students and University employees with children or with a particular interest in public education. In a university community, it would seem that much more could be done to maximize resources and expertise in the continual improvement of elementary and secondary schools.

The aldermen races

We have already expressed preferences for aldermen candidates in both towns and for a mayoral candidate in Chapel Hill. The Carrboro mayoral candidates, while interested in improvements for that community, have not been especially impressive in their individual combinations of progressive outlook and governmental skill. For that reason we have declined making an endorsement.

In the Carrboro alderman race, Bob Drakeford, Lynda de Friess and Ernie Patterson seem to have experience and insights which set them apart from the field of eight. Drakeford is a professional planner, whose perspective is sorely needed in a town trapped between a growing university and burgeoning apartment complexes at its perimeters. De Friess has worked with nonpartisan community groups such as the United Fund and the South Orange Rescue Squad building committee to make Carrboro a better place to live. Ernie Patterson is on the town Board of Adjustment and emphasizes the need for "controlled change" in Carrboro. All three support mass transit for Carrboro; all three seem to appreciate the difficulties which must be overcome before such a system can serve the community.

In the Chapel Hill alderman race, five seats are open. Five candidates seem best qualified to serve on the board. Jonathan Howes, Marvin Silver and Ed Vickery bring particular expertise to the town in planning, transportation and economics respectively. Bill Thorpe and Robert Epting have been active in community affairs and exhibit an energetic commitment to serving all elements of Chapel Hill. All the candidates support rational expansion of the bus system, use of federal monies for town programs, massive revision of the state's proposed thoroughfare plan for Chapel Hill and increasing communication between elected officials and the electing public.

Cohen as mayor

Gerry Cohen should be elected the next mayor of Chapel Hill. Rather than cultivating the endorsements of prominent figures in the University administration and civic affairs, Cohen has cultivated the electorate as a whole, emphasizing door-to-door voter registration drives and the active participation of all elements in town life.

Cohen's term as an alderman has been marked by the great energy and effort he has brought to legislative discussions. That kind of preparation and policy initiative is essential to the effective leadership of the Board of Aldermen and has been characteristic of Howard Lee's nearly full-time devotion to the job.

Sadly, some elements in town politics have tried to imply that Cohen represents only one or two elements of Chapel Hill and that he lacks the polished image of his opponent. Because Cohen seems more closely in favor with the poorer, younger, more liberal and non-white elements of Chapel Hill does not mean that he can afford to disregard or would prefer to disregard the sentiments of everyone in town. His many forays into Washington and Raleigh legislative chambers to lobby for this University and for this community disprove the notion that he would not be acceptable to anti-Chapel Hill forces in the world. His voting record as alderman indicates how he views the issues facing this town in the '70's.

The new elections offers a chance for a new and revitalized town government. In Chapel Hill, Gerry Cohen is the man at the head of the vanguard.

Of the countless Halloween costume parties held over the weekend, there was one which gathered the most diverse collection of ghouls, goblins and witches ever assembled in Chapel Hill.

While thousands of Carolina Blue skeletons, ghosts and bananas slugged down Budweiser and danced to beach music, the University hierarchy congregated for the wildest masquerade party of them all.

The invitations were rather unusual. They were printed on Affirmative Action stationery, embossed gold letters on gray paper, and were hand-delivered by the Sweet Carolines.

The festivities were held in the home of Chancellor Ferebee Taylor, who showed up two hours late dressed as the Wizard of Oz. When asked about his tardiness, the Wizard replied, "I do not have enough information to comment on that yet."

UNC system President William (Good) Friday, accompanied by Tuesday Weld, came dressed as a veterinary school and

spent the evening trying to decide where to locate himself.

Dean of Student Affairs Donald Boulton came as a student organization but was not recognized.

Housing Director James Condie came as the ghost of Joseph Stalin and sold lottery tickets and bingo cards all night.

Chairman of the Faculty George Taylor attended, costumed as Hester Prynne, except that his scarlet letter was a B instead of an A.

Athletic Director Homer Rice impersonated Henry Kissinger, with Sports Information Director Rick Brewer serving as one of his aides, and bragged about how he had engineered and then reneged on the Delmar Compromise.

Bill Dooley came disguised as Dean Smith and spent the evening trying to explain why Bill Dooley should not be fired.

This was a University function however, and since it has recently been decided that students constitute a small part of the

University, several student leaders and BMOC (Big Mothers on Campus) were also invited.

Bill Bates was there, disguised as a Student Body President. At dinner time, he declared war on the shrimp dip after firing the egg salad.

Former Student Body Treasurer Mike O'Neal came dressed as a 63-year-old student government politico. He could not get in to the party however, because the Wizard had changed the lock to his front door. This caused O'Neal and his escort, Frances Sparrow (who was dressed as an accountant) to exclaim, "What price vanilla?"

Ousted Media Board Chairman Dick Pope, with his generous surplus, came as the student government budget.

CGC Finance Committee Chairperson Bill Strickland, who was not even invited, appeared dressed as David Duke and nobody noticed the difference.

CGC Speaker Dan Besse, after barely

fighting off an attempt to have his invitation recalled, came as a track star and ran all night.

Delmar Williams was dressed as Gloria Steinem and announced that after he wins his court suit for breach of contract against Homer Rice, he will run for Miss North Carolina.

The Tar Heels, with the exception of Mike Voight, also attended, disguised as a football team.

Jim Grimsley was dressed as the Venus de Milo, but could not stop the bleeding from his armpits in time for the party, so he did not come at all.

George Bacso, disguised as a journalist, came as often as he could.

Jim Grimsley, managing editor, is a junior English major from Pollocksville, N.C. George Bacso, assistant managing editor, is a sophomore journalism major from Westfield, N.J.

letters

First places for the strongest?

To the editor:

The alternative method for room sign-up suggested by RHA, a combination of the persistence and lottery systems, seems unfeasible to us for many reasons:

(1) RHA's plan calls for a Saturday afternoon sign-up and does not allow students to begin waiting in line until sometime Friday night. When that time comes, where will you house the people waiting in line? Not all dorms have parlors or large rooms to accommodate large numbers of people. It is a fire hazard to have students wait in the hallways or stairwells because instead of bicycles blocking the way, you've got bodies, TV's, blankets, etc. Will we have to camp out in the cold?

(2) RHA's plan calls for people to begin forming a line at an unspecified time on a Friday night. How will that time be announced? Will we have to listen for clues given on WCHL to find out the time? When that time finally comes, you will see thousands of crazed students killing each other on the stairs just trying to get to the line. Last year in Joyner, the residents were not allowed to form a line outside the dorm until 10:00 on a Sunday morning. At 9:45, there were 115 Joyner residents (they all wanted spaces in the dorm for the next year) who just happened to be milling around outside Joyner. At 10:00, whistle was blown; 115 people tried to squeeze into 105 allotted spaces. Besides flying elbows, curse words and a few bruises, luckily there were no injuries. If the RHA plan is accepted, at that certain time on Friday night, in any dorm on campus, students will be rushing down stairs trying to get at the first of the line. Is it right that the strongest or biggest persons should get the first spaces in housing?

As veterans of two years of room sign-up, we feel that the only fair and reasonable plan is the lottery system. Even a combination of the plans will not eliminate the problems inherent in the persistence method. There will still be fights to get in line and long waits once there. There will still be the problems of line-breakers. While the combination of the two methods solves the problem of those who cannot be present for sign-up by having them participate in a lottery, it also means added expense and trouble to operate both systems.

The lottery system gives an equal opportunity to every dorm resident to remain in the dorm. The only complaint against the lottery system that we have heard is that it takes room sign-up out of the students' control. But have we ever had control over room sign-up? The only control we've had is fighting for a place in line and then sitting in it for hours. To us, getting a room in this manner is not worth the hassle.

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Vote today

To the editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to urge all students who are registered voters in Orange County to make every effort to get out and vote on election day. It is in our own best interest to vote because we form a major proportion of the total population. If we exert our political pressure we will be able to elect those who are aware of the uniqueness of a university community.

I would also like to emphasize that everyone take the time to vote in all the contests including the school board races. I suggest that all voters check with campaigners at the polls if they are not familiar with the candidates. Ask them why they are supporting a particular candidate. Make an informed decision.

Joel Frockt
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Power broker

To the editor:

I would like the readers of this newspaper to know that I resigned as executive editor of the DTH October 29 in protest to editor Cole Campbell's failure to formally consult his staff editors before endorsing one of the



... AND HERE WE KEEP THE SOCIOLOGISTS WHO RECOMMENDED FORCED BUSING IN THE FIRST PLACE!

candidates for mayor of Chapel Hill.

There are several conceptions of what editorial opinion should be and how a responsibly conducted editorial page should operate. The DTH's editorials, particularly in such special instances as a mayoral endorsement in the newspaper's name, must be more than simply the opinion of the editor-in-chief and reflect more than his own prejudices and interests.

Properly conducted, the unsigned editorials of the DTH should represent a consensus of opinion among the principal editors of the newspaper, not a disregard for their viewpoints as has been the practice time and time again under Cole Campbell's pedantic hand.

Last Friday's DTH endorsement of Gerry Cohen was not a representation of the staff's sentiments; it was Cole Campbell playing power broker again.

Campbell has taken unfair advantage of his position, and it is indeed doubtful that we shall see the emergence of "democratic journalism" during the several months remaining before the student body will have an opportunity to elect a new editor to reorganize the DTH.

To me, a newspaper is an organization comprised of an assembly of people representing a myriad of varying political persuasions and interests. Those who are mindful and respectful of the ethics and peril of advocacy journalism, are invariably the same people who distinguish themselves from the more insincere in the profession.

Campbell's recent actions and the continued absence of impartiality and fair play in his conduct in my opinion render him unworthy of the position of high trust to which he has been faithful.

Campbell was on the debate team last year and traveled around the country every so often. During his campaign for editor, he told the student body that if elected his excursions around the country would cease and he would not run the DTH in absentia. Just last Thursday he left with the debate team for Atlanta and didn't return until Monday. He made a similar out-of-state junket earlier this semester, leaving the managing editor to run the paper in his absence. Oh yes—he's not actually a member of the debate team anymore; he kept that promise. He travels with them now as their coach and gets paid for it.

Ralph J. Irace
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Editor's note: Endorsements by the Daily Tar Heel, in the pattern of most newspapers, have traditionally been the prerogative of the editor. Hence Mr. Irace's opinion was not solicited. Additionally, the editor has missed only three of 51 issues on non-DTH business.

Epting for Chapel Hill

To the editor:

We are particularly pleased that the Daily Tar Heel selected Robert Epting as one of its

preferred candidates for the Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen. Epting's campaign indicates that he, like several other candidates, is sensitive to issues of great importance to the university community, but even more significantly, his past record demonstrates his willingness and ability to do in fact something for students.

Epting has actively served the Student Consumer Action Union since its inception. As an attorney in Chapel Hill, he has been accessible to all segments of the community and has been responsive to the special needs and problems of students. He has contributed substantial amounts of time and worked very hard for many persons with limited resources and who lack an effective voice in the community.

His concern for the people of Chapel Hill is again reflected in his previous public service. Epting serves periodically as defense attorney for the local ACLU and Switchboard. With others, he has represented the Conservation Council of North Carolina in efforts to preserve the integrity of our environment. He has served as president of Janus House and as attorney for Genesis House staff and residents.

We think it important to emphasize that Robert Epting's past conduct in the Chapel Hill community demonstrates a commitment to these objectives beyond mere words.

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Expatriation of a Tar Heel

To the editor:

I was absolutely appalled at the behavior of the Carolina students during Saturday's homecoming festivities: their inconsiderateness and rudeness towards Delmar Williams' victory displayed not only mass juvenility but also complete disrespect for their fellow students.

Thus, the tactless taunting made the Homecoming election into the grosses farce at UNC this year. Ironically, these same people were the ones arguing that a male entering the race for Homecoming queen ruined a glorious tradition—I disagree.

Whereas the purpose of Homecoming is to welcome all to Carolina, both returning alumni and present students, the actions on Saturday were completely antithetical to this goal. I assert that rather than ruining the tradition by electing a male as the homecoming "king," the tradition was ruined by the students' expatriation of a Tar Heel at Homecoming rather than receiving him. In addition, what glory the remaining members of the court may have retained was marred by the heckles of the audience.

Of course, these are not the only consequences of the jeering. By displaying their disapproval in such an immature manner the students were, in effect, showing their contempt for the choice of the student body here at Chapel Hill. Perhaps, had those opposing Delmar shown their dissent in the ballot boxes rather than with their voices the election would have turned out differently.

Perhaps not. Nevertheless, Williams was the winner, the students' choice, and therefore deserved to be recognized as such. However, this respect of ideals and majority choice failed to materialize with Saturday's crowd.

Finally, I would like to point out that in this age where American society is attempting to become more egalitarian the attitude displayed at Delmar's "coronation" negated many forward strides made toward the recognition of both sexes. It appears that Saturday's jeering students want only the beautiful women on campus to be recognized—what about the handsome men? I see no reason to disdain their representation. And since more than fifty percent of the campus falls into this latter category it would seem reasonable that they should have equal opportunity for the crown. Apparently, many students do not accept this logic.

It is yet to be known the final repercussions from Saturday's festivities; however, I feel that a sham was made of the homecoming events, not by Williams but rather by those who verbally attacked his rights and recognition. And in this regard, the future of the homecoming tradition is indeed threatened, but paradoxically its demise will come from those whose intent it was to save it, not those seeking to destroy it.

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Consider Wallace

To the editor:

It is unnecessary to reiterate the fact that there are two excellent candidates in the race for mayor of Chapel Hill. I do feel inclined to agree with Robert Pharr's November 3 editorial in the DTH when he defended Jim Wallace's concept of the mayoral position. Mr. Wallace's former achievements prove that he is sympathetic and does respond to the community as a whole.

The recent rezoning controversy concerning the fraternity and sorority houses on Rosemary Street points out the need for the Greek students who are registered to vote in Chapel Hill to assert their political views. I believe that Jim Wallace with his long record of advocating the rights of students is the superior choice for mayor of Chapel Hill.

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Ha, ha

To the editor:

Is it possible to sue the Athletic Department for misrepresentation when they claim they are sending a football team on the field against UNC's opponents?

Ha, ha.

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