## Council candidate Mebane stresses communication

By RICHARD FLYNN DTH Staff Writer

Announcing his candidacy for the Chapel Hill Town Council, Al Mebane, director of the North Pharmaceutical Association, said he saw communications the biggest problem with the present council.

"I think we need someone more responsive and responsible to the citizens of Chapel Hill and who are aware of the problems today," Mebane said.

"The council may be spending money on things that the citizens may not necessarily agree with," he said. "The council's lack of ability to communicate with the citizens is evidenced by the number of people who were shocked by the (property) tax increase."

Mebane said he wanted to make the

council more responsive to the people and to the committees and boards which it appoints.

About public and off-campus housing, Mebane said that he wanted to "remove all barriers to making housing available. Because of actions of the city council, the quality of life in Chapel Hill is rapidly becoming unaffordable."

The crackdown on offenders of the town's public consumption of alcohol ordinance also prompted comments by

"I don't think they ought to drink beer in public. But I don't think a citation for a first offense is appropriate." A stern warning, he said, would not be out of

Mebane said that he approved of the present noise ordinance, saying "it can be good if it's fairly enforced. It's bound to



Mebane

bother people on both sides." which Mebane focused.

### Lindsay candidate for Town Council

By FRANK KENNEDY DTH Staff Writer

Saying he was convinced that high taxation has left many Chapel Hill residents in desperate trouble, William Gilbert Lindsay announced his candidacy for Chapel Hill Town Council in the Nov. 3 election.

Lindsay, a lifetime resident of Chapel Hill, plans to center his campaign around the tax issue.

"My motives (for running) are basically philosophical," Lindsay said. "My main. concern is for the welfare of the taxpayers of Chapel Hill, especially those people on fixed incomes.

"Those people are in desperate trouble because they can't keep up with the enormous tax increases. The property taxes are so bad that people are having to move

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out of Chapel Hill," Lindsay said.

Lindsay cited as an example a 60-yearold woman who works as a practical nurse and is being forced to sell her home due to a doubling in property taxes this

"I truly care about the town and the people," Lindsay said.

"My roots here are deep and they mean something to me." Lindsay said he hoped to slow down

the process of town government so the council could take a good look at what is essential for the town.

"The Town Council has immense power over the individuals of this town. The council can do a lot of good, but it can also do a lot of harm. It can't afford to be luxurious.

"If elected, I will assure every individual citizen of this town that he is being

represented," Lindsay said, adding that he felt the citizens of Chapel Hill were being poorly represented by the present council.

Lindsay, 45, is an architect for City Planning and Architectural Associates in Chapel Hill.

In the past, Lindsay said he had been active in the community trying to "promote more humanitarian efforts from the Town Council."

Lindsay ran for the same office four years ago and lost, but he said his beliefs had not changed at all.

Lindsay's critics have charged him with being a one-issue candidate. Lindsay confirmed these charges.

"Yes, I am a one-issue candidate, but that one issue is extremely important. This taxation is morally wrong and must be dealt with."

# Dramatic Art BSM forms committee

A political committee has been formed by the Black Student Movement recently in an effort to address issues pertinent to the black community both locally and

The committee is designed to inform the campus community of issues facing the BSM and blacks of the surrounding

BSM Vice President and chairperson of the committee Wende Watson said that although the BSM was founded as a political organ for blacks on this campus the existence of a formally established committee in the constitution was lacking.

The BSM was formed and established on these very principles and it was not necessary to put in writing," she said. "Because of the changes over the years this was put in."

But, neither Watson nor committee member Katey Assem said they felt that the changes were a result of the BSM losing its effectiveness.

"It has become more and more the need for the BSM to have a political direction. To continue to make political statements, the BSM needs some political drive," Assem said.

The committee has approximately 25 members including undergraduate and graduate students. Undergraduate students majoring in political science, English, journalism, history and industrial relations were invited to join the committee. Graduate students were asked to join on a volunteer basis regardless of

Duties of the committee range from planning all political rallies, activities and election forums. The committee will also coordinate voter education and registration drives in addition to proposing responses to criticisms of the BSM.

It will also consider requests from other organizations or individuals asking for BSM support. Establishing contact with other black student organizations on the 16-member University system will also be a goal of the committee.

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The proper management of tax money collected by the town was also a point on

"They (town councils) are not in the position to have savings accounts with their citizens' monies."

By MICHELLE CHRISTENBURY DTH Staff Writer Saying zoning and taxes are the issues that will shake up the most people, Winston Broadfoot announced his candidacy Thursday for the Chapel Hill Town

> Council in the Nov. 3 election. Broadfoot said Chapel Hill's revised zoning ordinance was good, but he would not like to see settled residential areas become densely populated.

Broadfoot announced

Town Council candidacy

Using the recently approved Piney Mountain public housing development as an example, Broadfoot said, "I am not fond of infilling or making thicker the present single-family zoning requirements."

On the issue of condominium conversion, Broadfoot said, "It's an issue I'd like to do something about, but I don't think the town has the municipal authority to do anything about it."

Broadfoot said Chapel Hill was one of the few university settings apart from a densely populated area and independent

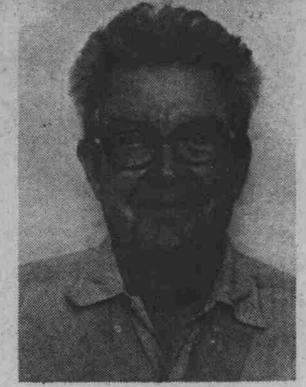
"I am 110 percent opposed to industry in this town," Broadfoot said. "We have good employment and good wages. Industry is the last thing we need in Chapel

Broadfoot said that the increase in taxes in Chapel Hill must be controlled. "I would like to see some economy in

government," he said. "I don't think that money is being wasted, but I think we have to hold back on the total amount spent."

Broadfoot said that although Chapel Hill had a fine recreation program, the town could recover some of the cost by including an overhead cost to its recreation program.

On the topic of public consumption of alcohol, Broadfoot said, "A university town should not be an uptight town. Vagrancy and public drunkenness bothers me, but students simply enjoying themselves does not."



Broadfoot

Broadfoot first came to Chapel Hill as an undergraduate in 1937 and has lived here almost half of his life. He currently does appraisals of books, manuscripts and fine arts.

"I look for harmony between the town council and the University," Broadfoot said. "There's a common good in Chapel Hill, and I want to keep it that way."

### Carolina Concern

### Campus political party formed

By JONATHAN TALCOTT **DTH Staff Writer** 

Carolina Concern, the first campus-wide student political party to be formed on campus in ten years, received University recognition this week, founder Tim Smith said.

"After the campaign last year, several people approached me and asked me if I would be interested in helping to form a political party," Smith said.

"The goal of the party is to monitor the BSM (Black Student Movement), the RHA (Residence Hall Association) and the CGC (Campus Governing Council). We hope to let the students know more about what the various campus political organizations are doing," he said.

"We hope to encourage the development of other parties on campus so that some of the red hot issues will be faced by the candidates. I feel that in the past some of the more controversial issues have been avoided by the candidates," Smith said.

Student Body President Scott Norberg, one of Smith's opponents in last year's election, disagreed with the idea of forming a political party. "With very few exceptions, most students are in agreement on most issues," Norberg said.

"Political parties would only tend to magnify the minor differences between candidates and take the students' attention away from the more important point of who would do the better

Smith commented that he would like to see political parties form that do not challenge Student Government but add to its effectiveness. "Student Government has inadvertently grown away from the students in recent years.

"We are trying to serve as the voice of the students," Smith

He said he and his colleagues had elaborate plans for gathering student opinion and focusing campus issues. "We have appointed a platform chairman and polling committee. The polling committee will use a phonebank that we are going to set up to find out student views. We will analyze the findings of the phonebank polls and present them to the party assembly.

"We will also set up an editorial staff that will take Carolina Concern stands in the DTH and The Phoenix," Smith said.

The last student undergraduate political parties faded away after the election of 1970. The party decline occurred for several reasons. Joseph Stallings, student body president in 1971-1972, said, "Parties were originally identified with specific issues but toward the end of the 1960s parties became more overlapping."

"Student began to join more than one political party to show their support for various ideas and points of view. It became practically impossible to identify a party and the people in that party with a specific position on an issue," Stallings said.

"In 1970, Tom Bellows as elected as an independent candidate and the next year, the year I ran, no one identified himself with a political party. People just faced the political reality that political parties were no longer needed," he said.

Norberg seemed to agree with Stallings. "Student Government here at Carolina has developed to the point where political parties are no longer necessary. Parties simply cause the institutionalization of an opposition. They take the focus of Student Government away from the administration. When students concentrate on battling one another, the emphasis on overall student concerns is lost," Norberg said.

Smith disagreed: "The party system would allow for more open debate of the issues.

"Student Government of the last five years has surrounded itself with the friends and supporters of the people who are elected. A party system would alleviate the spoils system, and would prevent individual social groups from gaining too much influence," Smith said.

Robert Spearman, who was student body president in 1964-1965 when political parties were at a peak, seemed to agree with Smith's contentions though he declined to comment on the present political climate at Chapel Hill. "Parties were extremely useful vehicles when I was there. It caused the formation of numerous programs because the opposition brought up numerous issues. The competition was lively but not unhealthy,"

Smith said he saw Carolina Concern as a different way to implement student desires. "Both Carolina Concern and Student Government might have the same goals but it's the techniques for accomplishing those goals that are different."



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