

Students show little interest in town govt.

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In two towns, Chapel Hill and Carrboro, where a third of the population between August and May consists of 22,000 UNC students, decisions are made by the town governments on such student-related topics as the noise ordinance, alcohol awareness, condominium conversions and property taxes.

A survey of 9 students reflected varying attitudes on University and town relations. It showed that the size of the student population merits better representation in the town governments, but that the initiative should be taken by the students as well as town officials.

"I don't think we are directly represented by the Chapel Hill Town Council when you consider the proportion of students in the community," said Frank Hirsch, chairman of the Student Government's town relations committee.

"That's partly the fault of the students," Hirsch said. "Not many of the students register to vote in Orange County."

Approximately 400 students registered to vote in Orange County this past year. Hirsch said he hoped that number would increase to 1,000 this year.

Tony Lathrop, former chairman of the town relations committee, agreed that student voting in local elections had been low. He said that students had not been involved actively since the activist movements of the late 1960s and the early 1970s.

"Local government is becoming more important as Reagan delegates more authority to the states," Hirsch said. "It's easy for students to go through four years at the 'Southern Part of Heaven' and not understand what's going on in the community."

Students should be made aware that they can transfer their voting registration to Orange County to vote in local elections, he said.

Leigh Ann Peek, a graduate student in political science, said that representation was more than adequate for the lack of ef-

fort the students made in the local decision making process.

"Many of the students don't vote nor do they pay property taxes," she said. "Since students buy most of their possessions in their hometowns and contribute very little to this community taxwise, they should not feel they are underrepresented."

While Peek said that students should not demand equal representation because they do not contribute equally to the tax revenues, graduate student Susan Eakin said students should not expect equal representation because they do not open their world to the concerns of the town.

"I feel the town treats students well," Eakin said. The businesses show their concern for students in proportion to their dependence upon the student population, she said.

"The students, however, are in an ivory tower," she said. "Very few of them ever listen to the news, and most have little knowledge of what's going on in the community."

Some of the students surveyed agreed that students should take more of an initiative to participate in the decision-making process of the town. But Sally Hadden, a junior history and English major, suggested that members of the Chapel Hill town government also had retreated in their efforts to encourage student participation.

Hadden, a member of the Chapel Hill transportation board, said that traditionally, the transportation board tried to recruit one or two students to be members, but that those who held that attitude were no longer on the board.

Dean Olson, a graduate student in environmental chemistry, had one specific complaint about the community. Olson said that the Chapel Hill-Carrboro bike path system was inadequate.

"Many of us are still forced to ride on busy streets and highways," he said. "If the system was expanded, there would be less congestion on roads as well as safer riding conditions. You'd see more joggers too."

Certain student needs, such as an extensive bike route for cyclists, are not met. And issues arise such as the noise ordinance and the alcohol awareness program that infringe on stu-

dent liberties. The solution, Olson said, is compromise.

"With one-third of the community being students, we should be represented well," he said. "But there will always be the controversial issues that will require compromise to serve the community as a whole."

Ann Clifford, a junior English major and a native of Chapel Hill, cited the alcohol awareness program, initiated in November, as an issue on which students and town officials needed to work together.

"The town has enacted the drinking ordinance to separate the high school from the University," she said. It is something that had to be done to maintain control in an area where a good number of people are students.

"When I was at Chapel Hill High School, I knew of upper-classmen who went to fraternity parties and mixed in with the University scene," Clifford said. "The town had to propose ordinances that would curb these actions."

In this case, the town was looking out for the best interest of minors who are Chapel Hill residents.

Gretchen Gass, a sophomore RTVMP major, cited an example in which the town was looking out for the best interests of the students.

"During last year's national championship, the town helped students by closing Franklin Street to traffic," she said.

"Merchants stocked up on blue paint as they knew what the students wanted. I think our presence is definitely felt here. My hometown has a college, but it doesn't have the influence on the community that UNC has in Chapel Hill," Gass said.

First year medical student Paul Hiatt said, "This community very much revolves around Carolina, thus the merchants are friendly. I think the support that students show to the University is felt among the townspeople. I feel that I've fit in real well and I feel at home here."

Kenan expansion plans remain on back burner

By JIM YARDLEY
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It is revered by UNC football fans as the most beautiful place to play football in the country. Nestled in a forest of majestic pine trees, Kenan Stadium comes to life on fall Saturday afternoons for about 50,000 Tar Heels.

And now it may be getting bigger ... and better.

Although there is no set date, University officials are discussing expanding the stadium, which would add about 7,000 seats.

Plans for Kenan's expansion have been in the making for a long time, and are now only "in their infancy," said John Swofford, director of athletics at the University.

Funding for the expansion would not come from the University, but from private donations, including the Kenan Foundation, Swofford said.

UNC Planning Director Gordon Rutherford estimated the expansion cost at about \$10 million.

Although no official plans have been made, University officials are contemplating building a new press facility and enclosing the end zone, along with possibly adding a connecting upper deck to the expanded end zone, said Ernie Williamson, executive vice president of the Athletic Association of the Educational Foundation.

Both Swofford and Rutherford agreed that a new press facility was almost a necessity. Because of the space needed by television and the media, a modernized press box is needed badly, Rutherford said. "The press facilities are terrible," he said. "They were built in the '40s, I believe."

Swofford said that the increased demand for tickets as well as the athletic department's need for extra revenue are the major reasons for the possible expansion of Kenan.

"It's getting to be a situation where a lot of people who want to see the team play aren't getting to because there are not enough seats," he said. "Football revenue is obviously very important to the athletic department since we don't get any funding from the University or the state. Basically, football and basketball revenue supports all our other varsity sports."

The approximately 7,000 or so seats to be added to Kenan will eventually pay for the construction cost, Rutherford said. Maintaining the \$11 ticket price, more than half a million dollars in additional revenue would be accumulated over the course of a seven-game home schedule like that played in 1982, he said. This extra revenue does not include the increased concession sales as well as the cost of maintenance to the new addition, Rutherford added.

Throughout the history of Kenan, there has always been an understanding — although not in writing — that the stadium itself would not be higher than the trees which surround it, Swofford said, adding that he would try to maintain that.

"I doubt, from the preliminary discussions that we've had, that we will build another deck," he said. "I think there are ways that we can maintain the tree line."

Rutherford is also conscious of Kenan's beauty and wants to keep it intact. "Nobody wants to screw up what we believe to be one of the most beautiful football stadiums in the country," he said. "We are conscious of the beauty of the place and we want very much to maintain that."

Although Kenan's expansion is being discussed, both Swofford and Rutherford emphasized that it is a project that for now is on the backburner.

"Our priority right now continues to be the completion of the Student Activities Center," Swofford said. "We first need to get through all of that. I think any work on Kenan is along down the road. At this point, there are only preliminary thoughts."

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"All these things you wouldn't expect from a class of 250," she said.

Cox said he was very impressed with the students' response to the situation.

"I almost cried in the response of the students rallying around the staff," he said.

In the end, the class decided to take a new version of the test, which will be given Tuesday.

"I think Dr. Cox handled it in a really skillful manner and it turned out best for everybody," Wires said.

If the exam thief is discovered, he or she will be turned over to the Honor Court, Cox said.

Dauber said it was impossible that the exam had been taken from her space in Bingham Hall by accident.

"It had to be taken intentionally," she said.

Undergraduate Honor Court Chairman Elizabeth Ennen said Sunday that if the case were brought to Student Attorney General Bill Kimball, he would decide if there was sufficient evidence to investigate the case. If such a case was brought before the Honor Court, ex-

am stealing would most likely be considered a form of cheating, she said.

"Suspension is the normative sanction for cheating," she said.

Cox said he was skeptical the person would be identified.

"I hope the person will drop but we may never know the identity of the person," he said. "That person has made a moral decision they are going to have to live with the rest of their life."

Stealing exams is "not prevalent at all" at UNC, Anne Bowden, assistant dean for student life and judicial programs officer, said.

There have been no formal complaints for stealing a test since she became judicial programs officer a year ago, she said.

A portion of the National Board of Medical Examiners Examination was stolen from the medical school last fall, but a suspect was never discovered. Two charges of stolen lab reports were brought to the Undergraduate Court last fall and both resulted in guilty verdicts.

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