

Carrboro candidates debate traffic issues during forum

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Cars, condos and contaminated water could threaten the positive aspects of growth in Carrboro. These were concerns discussed by mayoral and board of aldermen candidates Wednesday at a forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

Traffic problems, the Amberly project and affordable housing topped the list of issues discussed by the five board candidates vying for

three open positions and two mayoral candidates.

Several candidates focused on problems they said the current town government has not properly addressed.

Francis Shetley, a board candidate, said the traffic problem has been discussed for years, but not acted upon. She said she would publicize the park and ride bus service near the A&P supermarket on Highway

54 to encourage people to ride the bus to the University.

Carol Drinkard, a board candidate, said commuting alternatives must be explored. "It's too expensive to buy both a bus pass and a parking sticker," she said.

Steve Oglesbee, chairman of the transportation board and a board candidate, said he is proud of the bus system, although he wants to expand weekend and handicapped services. "We need to be sure we are not

running a Cadillac system with Ford funds," said Randy Marshall, the only board candidate with board experience. Marshall was appointed to fill a vacant seat on the board 16 months ago.

"The last thing we want is to run empty buses," he said.

Eleanor Kinnaid, a mayoral candidate, said she favors operating buses every 10 minutes instead of 20 minutes.

The town contracts bus service from Chapel Hill, said Mayor Jim Porto, who is seeking his third term in office. He said he would request more funding from the University because 80 percent of the riders is University related.

The candidates also responded to questions about the Amberly subdivision proposed to be located in the University Lake watershed and the lawsuit against the town and the

developers of the project.

The candidates, including those who oppose the Amberly project, said they would continue to fight the watershed lawsuit filed by town residents who want to block the development.

"If Amberly were up before the board again and I were mayor, I would vote against it," Kinnaid said. The candidates also discussed affordable housing.

Marshall said he wants to offer a stipend to city employees who live in the town. "Currently, most of our non-professional employees can't afford to live in Carrboro," he said.

But Porto said Carrboro offers more affordable housing than Chapel Hill, with homes that cost between \$80,000 to \$100,000.

"It's unrealistic to think developers will on their own create more affordable housing," said Oglesbee, who

advocates public and private ventures to build affordable housing.

Another concern is the conspicuous absence of minorities running for public office. All of the candidates are white, but blacks make up about 20 percent of Carrboro's population.

"It's not unrealistic to try and achieve 20 percent participation on boards and committees," Marshall said. "They must be better represented."

Kinnaid said she would reach out to the black churches to encourage greater civic participation. "It's a continuing problem," she said. "I see it on campus. Black students congregate together and don't seem comfortable. But really they share the same concerns of housing, traffic and overcrowded schools that we do."

Porto said black candidates must be actively recruited for office and he has tried to accomplish this.

Black culture, leadership is vital to UNC, speaker says

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Black students are a vital link in the connection between African and Afro-American culture, a UNC associate professor told a group of about 60 students Wednesday night.

Sonja Stone, associate professor of African and Afro-American studies, spoke on black leadership at the "pre-opening" of the Black Cultural Center in the area of the Student Union that will house the BCC.

"Black students are the heirs to and the founders of Afro-American culture," she said.

Students and officials began to consider the idea of creating a BCC in 1984, and the project is now nearing its final stages.

The BCC programming committee is now accepting applications for a

BCC director. According to scheduled plans, the final selection will be made in May, and the center will open officially when the director takes charge in July.

Stone said the BCC will provide a way to preserve and enhance black culture.

"A black cultural center at the University of North Carolina has the potential to illuminate and elevate the culture of blacks all over the world," she said.

The BCC will accomplish this by helping black students reach their full potential, Stone told the crowd.

"The Black Cultural Center will provide a place where the gifts of black students will be nurtured to their fullest," she said.

Stone said she is concerned that black cultural groups like the Black

Student Movement's Opeyo dancers, Ebony Readers and gospel choir have no "institutional supports" at the University.

By providing black artist-in-residence programs for these groups, the BCC will take a step toward solving this problem.

"Our hope is that the Black Cultural Center will be one means of connecting the wonderful talents our students have with professionals in the field," Stone said.

People must realize that black culture and artistic forms exist for more than just entertainment, Stone said.

"(These artistic forms) are not just intended to give people an escape to the mountain-top, but to leave people with the strength and determination to carry on the struggle," she said.

Housing board members discuss guaranteed sophomore housing

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During a meeting Wednesday, the Housing Advisory Board discussed guaranteeing campus housing for sophomores and raising money for renovating Old East and Old West residence halls.

A decision about guaranteed housing for sophomores will be made by the end of this semester.

"We have people who want to live with us and we put them in the position where they have to leave," said Wayne Kuncel, director of the Department of University Housing. "I would like to be able to guarantee housing to everyone who wants it."

An open forum to discuss the

subject has been tentatively scheduled for the third week of November.

Peter Topping, executive director of the business administration undergraduate program and a board member, said the purpose of the forum is to gather ideas from students.

Kelly Clark, president of the Residence Hall Association, said the issue of guaranteeing sophomore housing was raised for the first time last semester.

RHA originally opposed the idea because students had not been involved in forming the proposal and because they were not given enough time to investigate the issue.

The housing department is now

researching the problem of students being displaced from residence halls to determine if it is necessary to guarantee housing for sophomores.

The board also discussed raising funds for the proposed renovations to Old East and Old West. Renovations on Old West and Old East, the oldest state university building in the nation, will cost an estimated \$1.2 million each.

Kuncel emphasized the importance of receiving donations from alumni and University supporters to help cover the cost of the project.

"This is the part of the plan that I am most pleased about," Kuncel said. "The costs will not be borne just by the resident students."

BSM plans Pit demonstration to protest University racism

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The Black Student Movement will express opposition today to alleged racism in the hiring and promoting of blacks within several University departments, said Wilton Hyman, BSM vice president.

At a one-hour rally set to begin at noon in the Pit, a former UNC police officer and speakers from Action Against Apartheid and the University's chapter of the NAACP will join the BSM in voicing their

grievances against the University.

As a focus of their protests, Hyman said the BSM will use the grievances filed by 14 officers charging University police with favoritism and racism in the June promotions of 12 officers.

"This incident is a perfect example of the discrimination that goes on all over the University, as well as all over the state," Hyman said.

Hyman said the group is expanding its show of opposition to other University departments because statistics show that blacks are not being

hired for higher positions and are being channeled into lower levels of the University's work force.

AAA member Joel Segal, NAACP representative Jim Gibbs, BSM President Kenneth Perry and former University police officer Chris Harring will speak at the rally.

Harring, who holds a bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice and who worked with the Chapel Hill Police Department for several years before joining the University police department, will also speak at the rally. Harring, a black officer, received a sergeant's promotion in June.

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Andrea Parrot, professor of human sexuality at Cornell University, will speak at 8 p.m. Thursday on "Dating Dynamics: Does 'No' Ever Mean 'Yes'?"

Parrot is a leading authority on date and acquaintance rape.

Friday's workshop will include small group discussions on developing campus programs for dealing with

date and acquaintance rape prevention. Registration is Friday at 8 a.m. in the Student Union, and the fee is \$15 for students and \$20 for others.



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Students voice concerns at second faculty hearing

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At a hearing held Wednesday by the committee on Teaching of the College of Arts and Sciences, students voiced concern about multiple choice questions on tests, the lack of communication between teachers and students after class and the emphasis on grades.

During its second hearing this week, the committee heard the opinions of 14 students about teaching policies.

Committee Chairman Philip Stadter said Wednesday that the group's main objective is to make recommendations to Gillian Cell, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, on ways to improve teaching on campus.

Junior Lisa Kirkpatrick said professors who give multiple choice tests instead of essay tests are her main concern.

"The chance of luck when taking a multiple choice is appar-

ent," Kirkpatrick said. "Essays look at knowledge and not luck."

As a solution to the problem, Kirkpatrick suggested that professors should give combination tests, including multiple choice questions and essays. Also, she said the University should find more help for the professors to grade all tests.

Another topic of discussion was raised by sophomore Jim Davis, on the emphasis on grades instead of learning.

"So many students are in search of grades rather than obtaining knowledge," Davis said. "Sometimes the presence of grades provides an unfair bias to those with good grades."

"Human competition needs to be dissolved before students focus on learning," he said.

Students at the hearing also raised the idea of giving pre-tests before classes begin, so students can see how much they have learned by the end of the semester, compared to what they knew when

they began the class.

The idea of pre-tests also would give professors an idea of what their students know from the start, so they too can judge how much the students learn during the semester.

Also at the hearing, junior Donna Boswell said communication in the classroom should be developed, so that students are not afraid to ask questions.

"I go after class to get questions answered by my teachers," Boswell said. "I learn more by talking to them."

Kelly Clark, president of the Residence Hall Association, said faculty need to associate more with students, in dormitory groups and at dinner lectures.

"The students are interested, but we have nothing to interest them," Clark said. "We have to identify the faculty members that are interested and plan for these things."

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The second Blue-White game will be played at 7:30 PM on Saturday evening, November 14 in Carmichael Auditorium (Nostalgia Night in Carmichael).

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Present your student ID and athletic pass at the Smith Center Box office between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Students may also purchase guest tickets for \$5.00 in addition to their complimentary student ticket.

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Student groups of 50 or more are welcome to send a representative to the Ticket Office with the groups athletic passes for block seating.