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For mayor, Jonathan Howes

In a race between three candidates with similar platforms for mayor of Chapel Hill, Jonathan Howes' superior experience in town and University concerns gives him the edge over Julie Andresen. David Lineberger, formerly a city council member in South Carolina, lacks the qualifications of his opponents.

Although both Howes and Andresen have experience in local government, Howes has a better understanding of Chapel Hill's needs and challenges. While Andresen has held a town council seat for only two years, Howes has been on the council for 12 years. As a political science professor and director of UNC's Center for Urban and Regional Studies, he is also in a better position to promote smooth relations between the University and town.

Both are dedicated to preserving Chapel Hill as a village, but Howes has a more realistic outlook for the town's inevitable growth. Andresen has often articulated an anti-growth stance; she has staunchly opposed Rosemary Square, a \$19 million project that would add a hotel, shops and parking deck to downtown. Howes initially voted for the project and has backed it since.

For council, four candidates

The University-town relationship is a traditional case of which came first, the chicken or the egg. Rather than indulge in philosophical debate, the best qualified of the nine candidates for the Chapel Hill Town Council realize there is no distinction.

Although he is a UNC student, Rob Friedman does not limit his agenda to plugging student causes. He has a realistic view of handling town growth and an ability to look ahead further than the next Burnout.

As a Student Congress representative, Friedman has been aggressive in sponsoring legislation, and he will bring the same initiative to the council. Although undoubtedly a qualified candidate, Friedman's plan to enter law school next year could hinder his performance.

Nancy Preston, a Chapel Hill resident for 19 years who lives close to campus, clearly realizes that the University and the town are inseparable. In her four years on the council, she has been open to residents and students, working to preserve older neighborhoods and voting in favor of Burnout this spring.

Although all the candidates say growth management is the biggest challenge facing the town, Preston outlines specific problems: traffic

Howes is also more favorable to students on several issues of special concern.

Andresen voted against the Pi Kappa Phi Burnout this spring because she said the Chapel Hill Police Department did not recommend it. She has also favored a stricter noise ordinance and a proposed entertainment tax that would increase slightly the cost of non-sporting events that seat more than 15,000 people in the Smith Center.

Although Howes also favors an entertainment tax, he suggests exempting students who present student identification when purchasing tickets. His idea to create a zone for amplified music in the center of campus would not work because it excludes Big Fraternity Court, but he does express willingness to compromise on the noise ordinance. He was also one of the few council members who voted for Burnout last spring.

As a professor, Howes has a better grasp of student concerns. As a town council member for 12 years, he knows what direction the town should follow. With experience in meeting the complex challenges that confront UNC and Chapel Hill, Howes is the best candidate to lead the University community.

congestion, water supply and affordable housing. As chairwoman of the Regional Solid Waste Task Force, she was the only candidate to address the issue of waste disposal.

In his eight years on the town council, Bill Thorpe has recognized students as his constituents. As one of the few council members to approve Burnout this spring, he went to the Pi Kappa Phi house to listen to the fraternity brothers firsthand. More importantly, he has earned a reputation for listening to all residents.

Thorpe is firm in his views, yet he has a tendency to generalize. Although he expresses concern over the water supply and inadequate roads, he gives no remedy for either problem. But if pressed by his constituents, Thorpe could channel his energy into specific goals.

Former council member Joe Herzenberg has been active on town and student fronts, working against issues such as special use zoning and working with Student Government's voter registration drive. His long-overdue idea that council members divulge property holdings and campaign contributions illustrates his commitment to public accountability as a representative.

Readers' Forum

Of stadiums, football and the past

Chris Chapman
Staff Columnist

Durham County Athletic Stadium is a somber site awkwardly located between a big white hospital and a National Guard armory. The ample stands are sloping cinderblock twins enclosing a grass football field that couldn't be more brown if you stuck it in a microwave.

Friday night, I saw the Knights of Northern Durham, one of the reigning powers in local high school football, pound the Jordan High Falcons, 47-6. A friend of mine, who is student teaching at Northern, took me to the game. Northern is a fairly typical awesome high school team; lots of big, fast well-coached players to score touchdowns, eagerly supported by a bevy of parents wearing school colors and a loud, sharp-looking marching band. This legion of supporters stood in stark contrast to the dozen or so miserly Jordan fans and its sparse band. Indeed, Northern had about twice as many players dressed out as Jordan.

Northern settled the issue early, jumping to a 19-0 lead after one quarter and a 30-0 gap at the half. The Knights displayed a formidable running game, opening holes in the line and running inside and out with equal dexterity. The main impressions of the game didn't come from the on-field action, but rather from the sensations of returning to a high-school football game.

Durham County Stadium, with its imposing impersonal stands, was vastly different from my high school, which featured small, crisply painted wooden bleachers seating perhaps one-tenth as many as Durham County Stadium. It was also strange to be on the side of a winning

team. My high school team was mediocrity defined, winning only 13 games in my four years there.

After a few years of football Saturdays in Kenan, one easily forgets the nature of a high-school game. Certain nuances of play are not yet perfected. Extra points, virtually certainties at the college level, become less predictable in high school. Missed tackles and other miscues become more evident, and play in general is less complicated and less violent, as one would expect.

The games are more personal. At the beginning of the game, all of the seniors on the Northern team were introduced with the parents, a tradition for those playing their last home game. In the second half, when the game had been reduced to a time-killing exercise, I talked with the woman behind me whose son had just scored a touchdown. It was refreshingly different from sitting next to a Harris tweed-clad, Jack Daniels-swilling, apathetic frat dog. The fans seemed more attentive, probably because it is usually their son or friend or significant other down on the field. Indeed, many of the Northern parents wore sweatshirts bearing the words "My son plays Northern football" and the son's number.

Just after halftime, two self-proclaimed

"band geeks," sweaty from a well-done halftime performance, came to talk with my friend, their teacher. One of them, a loquacious Carolina fan, regaled us with jokes designed to ridicule his friend, a Duke loyalist. "Did you hear what happened to the Duke students who threw firecrackers at the Carolina students? The Carolina students lit them and threw them back," was the best of the lot. The band members also presented us with a lesson on the technical difficulties of marching. When my friend, a piccolo player in high school, tried to commiserate, they playfully made fun of the shortcomings of piccolo players.

The highlight of the game, though, was a six-year-old nephew of one of the Northern players. He was a gap-toothed youngster who alternated between tossing a football up in the air and dancing to the sounds of the marching bands. He was an amazing dancer for his age, and kept the affair interesting in the final stages.

Mercifully for the Falcons, the gun sounded, and the Jordan and Northern players engaged in the mandatory post-game handshake. For Northern, the game was a step on the path to the state playoffs, for Jordan another game near the end of a long season, and I left the dingy, eerily lit stadium. There is no great lesson to be garnered from the game, just a pleasant feeling from sharing in the enthusiasm of the fans, and returning to something once familiar.

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Hall no place for protest

To the editor:

Enough is enough. I have paid good money to attend this university and to be instructed by fine professionals, not to be disrupted by a group of rude, overbearing individuals. I do not sit in my classes (as I did last Wednesday) to be interrupted by an organization whose members run up and down classroom halls (as we did when we were six years old), shouting their disapproval for their latest issue.

If you have a complaint, an argument or any strong opinion on a particular subject, that's wonderful. We are all entitled to our opinions. However, keep them in the Pit. If I want to hear them, I'll come and listen. If I don't, I won't. The actions last week by a group opposing the CIA were absolutely horrendous. How dare you interrupt students who want to attend their classes and don't agree with what you say. I am attending Carolina to get a degree and to expand my areas of interest, not to have this process impeded by the whims of others.

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Election needs student support

To the editor:

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, students should be sure to vote in local elections for town council and mayor. A strong student turnout will have a great impact on the outcome of these contests, sending a message to town officials that we want to have a say in what goes on in Chapel Hill.

I think two town council candidates in particular deserve student support: Rob Friedman and Joe Herzenberg.

Friedman is a UNC student and has been an active spokesman for student interests since he arrived on campus. He has shown initiative and dedication by entering the race for town council and committing himself

to four years of service if elected. Friedman would bring his special brand of creativity and energy to the council, keeping student opinion high on the list of Chapel Hill's priorities. Perhaps as important, though, is that Friedman has gained significant support from outside the student body, receiving a partial endorsement from The Independent.

Herzenberg brings a long history of participation in town government to his election bid. He has served on the council before, and he has been very active since then as a private citizen. He has also spent an immense amount of time working to involve students in town affairs. With his help, Student Government was able to register more than 2,000 students to vote in the last 14 months. Herzenberg was an integral part of this effort, advising the leaders of the project and spending hours in the Pit signing students up to vote.

Student Government will have information about where you vote on Tuesday. It is also organizing car pools to get students to some of the far away polling sites. So don't forget to vote. It only takes a few minutes, and your vote can make a difference, especially in a town the size of Chapel Hill.

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Howes qualified to be mayor

To the editor:

Benjamin Franklin once wrote, "A little neglect may breed a great deal of mischief... For want of a nail the shoe was lost; for want of a shoe the horse was lost."

Although Franklin's message is simple, it is important. It is a calling for individuals to pay attention to what takes place around them. It is a statement that asks for reflection and responsiveness. Thus, with this message in mind, students and faculty should take the opportunity Nov. 3 to vote for Jonathan Howes for mayor of Chapel Hill.

Howes' dedication to government service is unmatched. As a member of the UNC faculty, he has gained national acclaim in areas of planning and intergovernmental relations. He has served at the regional and state government levels. His service to Chapel Hill spans 12 years, serving as a town council member, mayor pro-tem and chairman of the Chapel Hill Planning Board.

Howes fosters a sense of community and realizes the need for cooperation between the University and the town. For too long, the two sides have walked in separate directions; each is willing to talk, but neither is willing to listen.

However, Howes has listened and shown a sensitivity for the issues that affect the community as a whole. He voted for Burnout and supports a campus noise zone that would exempt the campus from the present noise ordinance. He has led the fight to acquire and preserve open space and public lands, and he has consistently supported the expanded bus system.

A leader in the Chapel Hill tradition, Howes brings with him experience and sound qualifications. On Nov. 3, do not neglect the opportunity to vote for Jonathan Howes. Let's not lose the horse, or there may be great mischief.

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Minority rights are necessary to democracy

Editor's note: The authors are president and vice-president of the Black Student Movement, respectively.

To the editor:

CGLA funding is drawing heated debate on campus. The major question seems to be whether the CGLA should receive funding from student activities fees. Two of our newly elected Student Congress members have decided to petition the student body to have a referendum on the ballot giving students a chance to say yes or no to CGLA funding. While this is an example of American democracy, it also highlights the flaws of the democratic system.

In the 1960s, black protesters crowded the streets demanding and sometimes dying for civil rights denied them by the majority. It was obvious then, to the protesters and to many of the counter-protesters, that

these rights are an inalienable part of citizenship. Protesters, however, were still met with fire hoses and police dogs. These civil citizens wearing badges, while at the same time maiming and killing, were not representatives from some immoral, un-American faction; they were the protectors of the law created by the majority and imposed on the minority.

In the 1954 Supreme Court case "Brown vs. the Board of Education of Little Rock, Ark.," the court ruled that "separate but equal" institutions were unconstitutional. This opinion was opposed strongly, especially in the South; however, this decision representing the minority's right to a quality education has withstood the test of time and has become a viable factor in all aspects of social interaction. Though majority opinion was opposed to the ruling, it best represented the concerns and

interests of the minority.

While it is only fair that majority opinion be exercised and enforced, the prejudices of the majority must not be allowed to influence the direction of society. The CGLA members are a minority on the UNC campus, and while we are quick to petition and question their funding, we must remember how past prejudices have influenced other important political decisions. We must consider each American citizen worthy of fair protection and equal opportunity. We must hold these rights as self-evident and innate.

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