Senator outlines decisions facing General Assembly

By SANDY WALL Staff Writer

The budget, an N.C. lottery and gubernatorial veto power are the major issues facing the General Assembly this term, according to state Senate President Pro Tempore Henson Barnes.

Barnes, D-Wayne, addressed about 20 people at a meeting of the UNC Young Democrats Tuesday

"The first thing in North Carolina is the budget," Barnes said.

The two-year budget for the state will total \$10 billion and will come from North Carolina's 7 percent

of the sales tax the state receives.

"1933 is when we put that 7 percent we are paying for." tax on," he said. "We've been a fairly tax laws."

North Carolina is 45th in the nation in tax rates, which gives the he said. state a problem in raising funds, Barnes said.

Increased funding for teacher salaries should be a priority, he said, adding that North Carolina ranks in the 40s among the states in teacher salaries but in the 30s in standardized

"We should put more money in

are turning out a better product than

While 60 percent of N.C. tax conservative state in changing those money goes for education, 20 percent of the funds goes to human resource programs such as medical assistance,

> "The other fifth goes for everything else you can think about," Barnes said. "That gives us a problem."

> An N.C. lottery has become an important issue because of the need for funds for infrastructure like bridges and buildings, plus the rising number of states (28) instituting lotteries, Barnes said.

"We'll probably pass lottery this income tax and the 60 percent share there," Barnes said. "Those teachers year," he said. "The people of North Carolina generally want it."

Gubernatorial veto power is the other "marquee issue" facing the General Assembly, Barnes said.

"We haven't ever had veto in North Carolina," he said, adding that North Carolina is the only state in the Union without the gubernatorial veto.

"We got 49 states that are wrong," Barnes, who said he is a supporter of the veto, said facetiously.

Barnes has opposed the veto in the past but decided to support it because it was inconsistent to oppose the power on the state level but favor it on a national level.

"I've rethought it time and again," he said. "This time I'm one of the guys working for veto."



N.C. Sen. Henson Barnes addresses the UNC Young Democrats Tuesday night in the Union

Town to examine lifting ordinance on street vendors

By BLAKE DICKINSON

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Downtown Commission is considering a proposal created by its vending committee to end restrictions on street vendors despite the concerns of some area merchants.

The vending committee's proposal would allow street vendors to sell their own handmade arts and crafts.

The current ordinance allows street performances and the sale of twodimensional art on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays in 30 selected

"The thought process behind the new proposal is that it creates more excitement in the downtown area and it adds greater diversity," said Margie Haber, co-director of the Downtown Commission.

The Chapel Hill Town Council extended the current street vending ordinance for a second 90-day period in January and asked the Downtown Commission to solicit merchant response and propose further

changes. "We are trying to support any measures that would bring people to shop and revitalize downtown," said

council member Nancy Preston. The council discussed some concerns that the ordinance was unfair to merchants paying rent or property

tax, Preston said. Danny Fox, a member of the Downtown Commission, said Chapel Hill merchants are concerned that street vendors may have an unfair

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should replace an individual, but we should continue to fight the struggle." When blacks fight for goals, they

should not stop short of meeting those goals. "We responded too openly to all those little gifts (in the 1960s)," she said.

But the most important thing to remember is not to be complacent, Shabazz said. "Yes, Affirmative Action is essential, but it made us complacent," she said. "You cannot be apathetic when someone is sharing something with you."

The key to eliminating non-interest is to know oneself, Shabazz said. "You cannot know and respect other cultures when you don't even respect yourself," she said. "In this society, we do not express love as well as we express distaste."

"They are not so much afraid of the vendors as they are concerned that the merchants pay a great deal of rent

to operate businesses here," Fox said. The Downtown Commission is currently gathering information on the vending committee proposal, he

"We really don't have enough information to decide whether the present ordinance is a good one, a bad one or an indifferent one," Fox

A possible conflict may exist between the town council's desire to ease restrictions downtown and merchants' demands to tighten them,

"I think that any move that will try to bring excitement and people downtown is good," said Jack Tomkovick, owner of the Gold Connection.

But the town council's mishandling of merchants' concerns has contributed to the decline of downtown business, he said.

"We wouldn't be in this whole situation if the town council had moved on (the development of) Rosemary Square four, five or six years ago," Tomkovick said.

"They (the town council) should be working on parking first," said Phyllis Maultsby, co-owner of Light Years. "They're putting the cart before the horse."

The problem of monitoring whether crafts were actually made by the street vendors also needs to be addressed, Maultsby said. Under the town's ordinance and the new proposal, vendors can only sell their own

crafts. Johanna Snyder, owner of Village Framer and Snyder Gallery in Carrboro, said she had doubts about the vending committee's proposal.

"I think it's going to create more to create," she said.

More teens pressured into sex, study shows

By KAREN DUNN

sending the message that premarital sex is acceptable, a high percentage of American teenagers are becoming sexually active at earlier ages and are more open about their sexual habits, according to a report published for Planned Parenthood.

Twenty-eight percent of youths between the ages of 12 and 17 have had sex, according to the Planned Parenthood report, which was published by Louis Harris and Associates. The report was printed in 1986, and figures have remained constant over the last three years.

The percentages among individual groups increase proportionally with age. Four percent of 12-year-olds, 10 percent of 13-year-olds, 14 percent of 16-year-olds and 57 percent of 17year-olds have had a sexual relationship, the report said.

"A lot of pressure and mixed messages are being given out by society, especially by TV shows and popular songs," said Janet Colm, executive director of Planned Parenthood of Orange County. "There's a social climate pushing everyone to think that sex is acceptable and that everyone is doing it, and you're an oddball if you're not."

Of all sexually active teenagers, 78 percent of them do not use contraproblems than the good they want ception because they are afraid their parents will find out they are having

sex, the report said. The cost of birth control and a lack of accessibility to Because society in the '80s is it are also factors which influence teenagers' decisions not to use contraception.

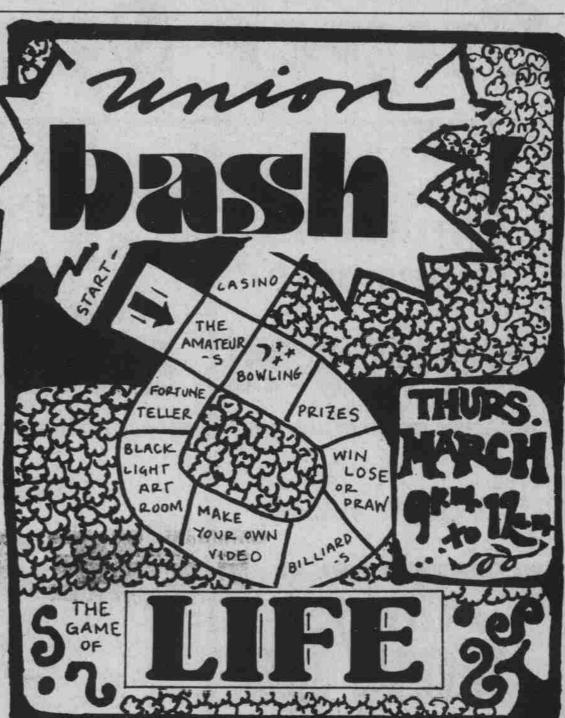
Patrick Welsh, a high school teacher in Alexandria, Va., said he is surprised at the number of teenagers who are sexually active. He is the author of a book in which hundreds of teenagers were interviewed about their sexual habits and attitudes.

"The ones who are virgins are less vocal about being so than the ones who aren't," Welsh said.

"Very exceptional, bright, nice kids are having sex and having no qualms about it, as long as they are faithful to each other," he said. "Whether their relationship be for two weeks or three months, the ethic among them is to be monogamous."

Ron Mourad, a student at Chapel Hill Senior High School and student government president, said he thinks students at his school generally regard sex casually in their relationships.

"There is a general movement that students are getting more and more sexually active," he said.



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