

ELECTIONS School Board Candidate Profiles ELECTIONS

Chapel Hill and Carrboro will elect five new members to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education Nov. 7.

Today, The Daily Tar Heel profiles three more of the 13 candidates seeking to improve the school system.

Key Issue is Reaching Out to Youth

With an understanding of the issues facing the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education, candidate Bill Elstran said if elected he would focus on reaching disadvantaged and minority students, and on improving communication between parents, students and teachers.

"There needs to be more communication, involvement and participation on behalf of the parents," he said. "Students are not numbers, they are individuals. There seems to be a standoffishness toward treating our students individually."

Elstran also said he hoped to work on building the mentor program in the school system. "If elected, I plan to assign a personal mentor for each family with children who are making poor test scores," he said. "We have to get the families involved, and we have to get the mentors involved to reach the alienated students."

Elstran said that race relations were definitely not good, and that expectations for minority students were too low. "The School Board should first fund the Blue Ribbon Committee," he said. "Second, a mentor program should be initiated. Third, the students have to get involved. But most of all, the teachers need to raise the expectations of minorities. This will raise respect, and this goes hand in hand with improved test scores."

With a new book he recently wrote titled "What Every Parent Should Know About School," and a doctoral dissertation focusing on the dynamics of advisory and school board meetings, Elstran said he knew how to improve communication at school board meetings.

"Right now, school board meetings are like the inquisition: people come in intimi-



Bill Elstran

Age: 57
Address: 324 Glendale Dr.
Previous Experience: High school principal, 10 years; superintendent's office; business manager, curriculum co-ordinator; University of Maryland faculty
Occupation: Consultant work in education
Children: Two
Length of Time in Community: Seven years
College Attended: Stanford University

dated and leave in silence," Elstran said. "We need to have the superintendent there to answer questions, and if there cannot be an immediate answer he or she needs to get back to parents with an answer in, at most, three days. Let's make the superintendent more active. If we don't allow for input and communication, then the school system is in for real problems," he said.

Other areas the school system needs to work on are overcrowding problems and alternatives to condom distribution, he said.

"Overcrowding is a disastrous problem, and it has been caused by poor planning,"

Elstran said. "We made two schools too elaborate. By floating a bond issue and implementing a sales tax, we can raise impact money to build more schools. As a short term goal, I propose establishing small schools at the elementary level in local churches," he said.

Elstran said he would like to make sure that new schools were built for the right reasons.

"For long term goals, we should build more schools with an emphasis on the classrooms, not facade," he said.

PROFILE COMPILED BY ROBIN SUKHADIA

Schools Should Encourage Students

Self-esteem, self-love and self-confidence are the values Sandra Johnson-Theard, a single parent, college student and school board candidate, said she believes the school system must instill in children to be effective.

"Nothing works with a child until he learns self-confidence and self-esteem," she said. "You have to reach into children's hearts and touch them."

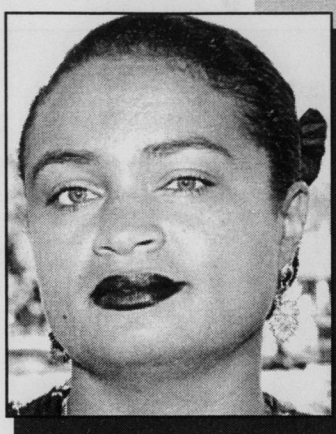
Individual attention in education and focusing on the child are areas in which Johnson-Theard said she believes Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools fall short.

She said the school system especially lacked the ability to deal with children who are socio-economically disadvantaged. She said that the school system stresses the institution over the individual, which poses a problem for the children in the schools who do need more attention.

"Chapel Hill has built one mold," Johnson-Theard said. "If your child does not fit that mold, they fall through the cracks. Every child is different, and it's unfair to have one mold and expect each child to fit it."

She said the "mold" was shaped around professors' children and the children of the affluent, and this contributed to the disparity in minority test scores. One way the board might correct this problem is to "stop alienating and intimidating the minority community," she said.

Johnson-Theard also said minority test scores would go up when the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Task Force, on which she served, were fully implemented. The task force focuses specifically on minority students and helping them get the most out of their education.



Sandra Johnson-Theard

Age: 39
Address: 8500 Union Grove Church Rd.
Previous Experience: Member of Blue Ribbon Task Force, parent volunteer within school system
Occupation: Self-employed
Children: One
Length of Time in Community: 39 years
College Attended: Senior at NCCU

She said these recommendations should have been implemented when they were first proposed three years ago. To better the schools and to improve test scores, the school board should work to enforce these recommendations now, she said.

Maintaining "neutral committees" to build new schools also concerns Johnson-Theard, who said the new East Chapel Hill High school was overpriced and essentially a public school financed by private money.

"Alamance County built three high schools for the price of our one," she said.

Instead of investing money in the structure and the land, Johnson-Theard said money should go to better instructors and better methods of instruction. "The new school just represents the people who want to keep the status quo," she said.

Johnson-Theard also said she wanted schools to be more encouraging of potentially college-bound black students and stop pushing vocational classes. "I believe that everyone can go to college, if that's what they want to do, she said. "Schools need to keep all the doors open for kids."

PROFILE COMPILED BY ANGELA MOORE

Board Should Work With Community

Ken Touw has a Utopian vision in which the school and community's vision are consolidated into a single goal. Although he admits this is not the case now, he said he would actively work to achieve this goal if re-elected to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education.

Touw said he saw the need for the school board to delegate more and more autonomy to the school system. "The purpose of the school board is simply to dictate the community vision," Touw said.

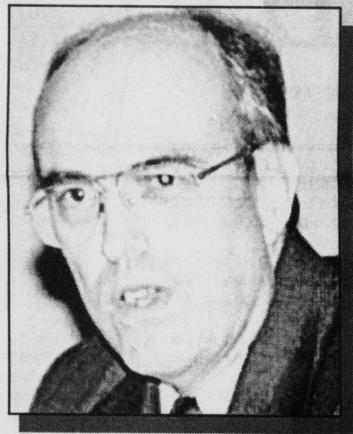
Once this vision was formulated, it was the responsibility of the school to create programs and policies that would coincide with the community vision, Touw said.

The improvement of minority test scores is also a pressing issue, he said. He stressed development of individualized education plans for problem students and increased individual attention in the classroom. The catalyst for these plans is parental involvement in the schools. "We want teachers and parents to determine what works best; that is the role of the school board," Touw said.

Touw singled out overcrowding as an obstacle to achievement in the schools. "This is the reason we haven't been able to devote more resources to achievement," he said. "It has taken all the community is willing to spend just to expand the school system."

Planned meetings with developers are also on Touw's agenda for the expansion of schools. He hopes to petition for donations of land from the town for new schools, such as the Southern Village land grant to build a new elementary school.

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Ken Touw

Age: 48
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Previous Experience: Chairman of school board
Occupation: Senior clinical scientist at Quintiles Corporation
Children: Two
Length of Time in Community: 22 years
College Attended: Duke Univ., UNC-CH

ment was racial bias in the schools. Touw said he would like to start a program that would require diversity training for teachers, along with developing a cultural arts program in the schools to encourage a diverse student body.

Site-based management, a program which treats schools as self-governed organizations, should continue, Touw said. He suggested occasional visits to schools by the school board to encourage the individual development of schools and give them a vote of confidence.

"The positive message needs to be repeated," Touw said.

Touw has served as chairman of the school board for the past two years. He said he was suggesting a face-lift to the school system, making schools freer to make their own decisions that fit their personal needs. He said he thought more community respect for the schools would ease these changes. "The point is not to criticize, but to criticize respectfully," he said.

PROFILE COMPILED BY TODD DARLING

SRC

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month. "We are looking for all repairs to be finished the week of (Oct.) 30," he said. "We are working with a subcontractor, though, and we are going on their word."

According to Copeland, the extent of the damage in the SRC was cosmetic. "There was nothing structurally damaged," Copeland said. "There was mainly just cosmetic damage, like sheetrock and paint."

Copeland said all damaged sheetrock had been replaced.

Another source of concern for Copeland is new carpet, which will not arrive until after the state selects a contractor for installation later this week.

"We have agreed on a week or so to get the carpet and another week to get it down," he said. "If you had seen it, you would know the extent of the damage. You can't just do this overnight."

During the repair process, Mangili has made use of the second floor space available in the SRC. Cardiovascular machines have been moved upstairs for student use.

"We have moved a number of our cardiovascular machines upstairs that are operational," Mangili said. "Actually, we may leave many of these machines upstairs and purchase new machines for downstairs once it opens up again."

According to Mangili, most of the machines that were damaged by water have been repaired, but problems still exist with some equipment.

MARCH

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BSM President LADELL ROBBINS said students could make a statement by participating in the march.

Campus Calendar

4 p.m. PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY DEPARTMENT will sponsor a seminar, "Triangle Nuclear Theory Colloquium," in 234 Physics Building at Duke University.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICE will offer a Diabetes Support Group in the Health Conference Room on the 2nd floor of the Student Health Service building.

5 p.m. UNC-CH JAPAN CLUB will present an educational Japanese Game in Union 210.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS will have an information session in 268 Venable Hall.

6 p.m. UNIVERSITY CAREER SERVICES will hold a workshop on how to use UCS in 210 Hanes Hall. The workshop is mandatory for those participating in On-Campus Recruiting.

6:30 p.m. SEAC CONFERENCE VOLUNTEERS who signed up for housing or registration should meet for training in the Great Hall.

7 p.m. CUED SPEECH CLUB will have a cued speech workshop to learn how to communicate with the deaf in 108 Bingham Hall.

GREEN GAMES will meet in the Union basement. Refreshments will be provided.

UNIVERSITY CAREER SERVICES will sponsor a presentation by Raymond James and Associates at the Carolina Inn. Also, Job Hunt 102: Basics for Constructing a Professional Resume, will meet in 210 Hanes Hall.

COALITION AGAINST GENOCIDE will present at Balkan Issues Forum at Skylight Exchange.

7:30 p.m. CHINESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION will screen the film "The Story of Pei Li" in the Union film auditorium. Admission is free. GIGO will hold an interest meeting in 221 Greenlaw Hall.

8 p.m. UNC YOUNG DEMOCRATS will have a meeting in Union 208.

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