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Crime Rate Falls
Chapel Hill's crime rate, following a national trend, decreased 2 percent in 1995. Page 3



Republican Challenge
Two Republicans have filed for the N.C. House in the traditionally Democratic 24th District. Page 4



Gilbert Back in Court
The administrator defended a memo explaining the dismissal of a former UNC employee. Page 3

Today's Weather
Partly Sunny, high 43.
Thursday: Sunny, high near 50.

UNC System May Face Open Meetings Suit

■ The Greensboro News & Record wants chancellor's committee meetings open.

BY SUZANNE JACOVEC
STAFF WRITER

A lawsuit to be filed against UNC-Greensboro by the Greensboro News & Record could evolve into a suit against all 16 UNC campuses alleging that they violate the N.C. Open Meetings Law. Pat Yack, editor of the News & Record, said he met with UNC-Greensboro Chancellor Patricia Sullivan last week and that the paper would file a lawsuit against UNC-Greensboro within two weeks. Yack said he was taking action to try to open chancellor's committee meetings

which are currently closed to the public under the law.

The News & Record will pursue the issue through legal channels with support from the North Carolina Press Association. "It is clear to us that these meetings by the chancellor's planning committee should be open, and meetings by similar committees at UNC-Chapel Hill should also be open," Yack said.

Yack met with Sullivan to discuss opening the chancellor's planning council meetings to the public. "We reviewed our respective positions and I told her that I hoped she would open up the meetings," Yack said. "It was apparent to me upon leaving the meeting that she was not in the position to do so."

The other 15 schools in the University system could become involved in the lawsuit against UNC-Greensboro because the

Open Meetings Law was the same for all the universities, said Amanda Martin, associate counsel to the NCPA.

Susan Ehringhaus, UNC-CH legal counsel, declined to comment Tuesday on the effect of this action on the University.

The structure of the North Carolina court system mandated that the case reached the appellate court level in order to be binding on all other universities, Martin said.

"I am almost definite that the NCPA would join in any legal action in this issue," Martin said. "The question being considered now, to which there is no present answer, is whether all the universities (in the UNC system) will be named in the lawsuit."

The NCPA would support the lawsuit to open chancellor committee meetings by encouraging campus and area papers to

join in the effort, Martin said.

No definite decisions have been made concerning NCPA participation in a lawsuit.

"The Press Association's role depends on what happens," Martin said. "If one school pursues the lawsuit, that will mean lending NCPA name credibility to support the action, but if more universities join in, we will step up involvement by drafting information, prosecuting and seeing it through legally."

"The NCPA will certainly support any newspaper or group of papers who make the decision to sue on this issue because it is a matter of great concern to us," Martin said.

Sullivan established the planning committee as an advisory board to the chancellor, Yack said. The committee was made up of University employees, students and

community representatives, he said.

Sullivan said the planning committee was following guidelines established by UNC-system President C.D. Spangler. The committee wanted to keep the meetings private to encourage free-ranging discussion, she said.

"I want open, honest and creative dialogue, which would be stifled if people were concerned about outside interpretation," Sullivan said.

"We're doing lots of thinking and brainstorming at this point — throwing out lots of ideas for later testing — and people would be inhibited to think creatively if what they said may appear in the newspaper the next day."

The planning council was created to encourage an open forum for ideas, said Richard L. Moore, vice chairman for university advancement at UNC-Greensboro.

Council Discusses Trash

■ Chapel Hill residents may begin paying the town a fee to collect garbage.

BY ANGELA MOORE
STAFF WRITER

Bundled up in scarves and sweaters, the Chapel Hill Town Council discussed ways to reduce the town's solid waste for the majority of their regular Monday night meeting at Town Hall.

At issue was a "pay as you throw" option to trash collection. With this system, residents would pay the town a fee to collect their trash, based on the amount of trash the resident produces. This increases the town's revenue and may reduce property taxes. The council also hopes the plan will encourage residents to recycle.

Council member Richard Franck said the pay-as-you-throw system was a monetary incentive to recycle more, thereby reducing the amount of solid waste deposited in landfills. If residents have to pay for the amount of trash that is picked up, they will try to throw out less and recycle more.

The basic idea behind pay as you throw is treating trash pickup as just another utility service for which residents receive a bill. Council member Mark Chilton said, "It ought to be like a sewer system. You don't get to flush as much as you want, you flush as much as you're willing to pay for."

The specifics behind pay as you throw are currently only in the planning stage, and most of the council demonstrated their interest but also their concerns about the plan.

Council member Barbara Booth-Powell also stressed educating people about recycling options so they will not have to pay as



Council member **JOE CAPOWSKI** said the key to enforcing the pay-as-you-throw plan was simplicity.

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The Daily Tar Heel Student Elections Poll

About This Series

The Daily Tar Heel conducted an intercept poll of 406 students on campus during the week of Jan. 29 - Feb. 2 to determine how important they thought the following 10 issues should be to the next student body president. The survey has a sampling error of plus or minus 4.9 percent.

Top 10 Student Issues

- 1 Conveying students' concerns to administrators
- 2 Conducting an ethical administration
- 3 Stopping increases in tuition and student fees
- 4 Changing things that affect students daily, such as dining and housing
- 5 Working with Student Congress to allocate student activity fees
- 6 Improving safety on campus
- 7 Addressing the concerns of women and minorities
- 8 Making cable and internet more easily accessible to students
- 9 Serving as a liaison to state officials
- 10 Creating an executive branch diverse in race and gender

Making a Day-to-Day Difference

Editor's Note: The Daily Tar Heel is running a series on the top 5 issues and the SBP candidates' proposals for addressing them. Today, we examine the No. 4 issue: changing things that affect students daily, such as dining and housing.

BY TODD DARLING
STAFF WRITER

With campus elections come time-honored traditions of lofty platforms with all their glitter and promises. Prospective voters often look past these and just want to know how their elected officials will affect them on a day-to-day basis.

A candidate's answer to a simple "What have you done for me?" is often the yardstick used to measure the success of a student body president's administration.

In a survey conducted by The Daily Tar Heel last week, respondents said changing issues that affect students daily, such as dining and housing, ranked fourth out of the top ten issues students thought should be most important to the next student body president.

Top issues affecting students on a day-to-day basis this past year have included the recent renovation plans unveiled for Lenoir Dining Hall, continuation of funding for the fare-free U-bus and safety for students on and off campus.

"Now, more than ever, students are concerned about where their money is going," said student body president candidate Sean Behr. "Whatever we want to do, we're going to have to pay for it."

He said he thought these issues were important to students due to their reliance on student fees for funding.

"These issues are something that affect the lives of students," said student body president hopeful Michael Farmer. "(The day-to-day issues) are what we can put into action."

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Students will vote on a referendum Tuesday that would support plans to expand Chase Hall as part of an effort to improve campus dining.

UNC Rally Falls Short Once Again

■ The Tar Heels rallied from a 17-point deficit but lost their second straight game.

BY ROBBY PICKERAL
SPORTS EDITOR

It was as if the air had just popped out of a big, bloated helium balloon.

With 33.6 ticks remaining on the Smith Center clock Tuesday night, North Carolina had another chance to notch another comeback win in front of a crowd of 21,572.

After UNC battled back from a 17-point second-half deficit to knot the score at 78 with 33.6 seconds remaining, Tar Heel guard Shammond Williams fouled Maryland guard Terrell Stokes in the backcourt to force him to the charity stripe.

"We were going to let them go ahead and go for the last shot, and we knew that Stokes was a great competitor, but he hadn't been shooting well," UNC coach Dean Smith said.

But well enough to hit both of his free throws with 20 seconds left.

Still, UNC had a chance — until Terp guard Johnny Rhodes stripped Williams just outside the 3-point arc at the other end to force another foul and an eventual 84-78 Terrapin win.

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UNC point guard Jeff McInnis (5) is swarmed on a drive through the lane by a trio of Maryland defenders. McInnis scored 12 points on 4-of-8 shooting in the Tar Heels' 84-78 loss to the Terrapins on Tuesday night.

Candidates' Ideas For Technology Not So New

■ Some candidates are promising changes that are already being implemented.

BY KATIE TYSON
STAFF WRITER

Student body president candidates are making information technology a key plank of their platforms, but many of the suggested changes are already under way, according to information provided by University officials.

Sean Behr, a candidate for student body president, did not mention information technology in his platform.

"Information technology is not specifically addressed in my platform because I wanted to avoid making laundry lists," Behr said. "I really wanted to avoid promising everybody everything."

Behr said he would tackle the growing demand for information technology by getting student input. He said his administration would evaluate exactly what students wanted by conducting focus groups and then using the feedback to pinpoint specific areas of technology.

"I don't think students really know what they want," Behr said. "The only thing people agree on is that we need more."

Lee Conner, another candidate for student body president, has already put information technology to use by establishing his own web page. "Information technology to me is a real key to getting back to being one of the top 25 universities."

In his platform, Conner proposes to "install connections to access Netscape from off-campus at no additional cost to

students."

Bill Graves, associate provost for information technology, said 160 modem lines are now in use for off-campus access. He said 1,000 additional modems would have to be purchased to provide the level of service for the size of the University.

The addition of 1,000 modems would be too costly considering the other demands imposed on the Office of Information Technology, Graves said.

UNC would join with Duke University and N.C. State University to purchase a high-speed service from BellSouth, Graves said. He said BellSouth would provide a direct connection for users who purchased the service.

Conner also proposed to designate certain computers or existing computer labs for e-mail use only. He said e-mail users would not be in the way of people wanting to use the computers for academic reasons. Conner said the increase in e-mail accounts demanded some type of action.

"If we really have this much demand, then you have to answer the demand with some supply," Conner said.

Linwood Futrelle, director of OIT services, said the shortage of computer labs on campus and the cost of building and maintaining new labs would hamper the feasibility of having e-mail only labs. He said academic needs should take priority over recreational e-mail use. "It is kind of hard to tell people they can only do e-mail when people need to write papers — it is a little shortsighted," Futrelle said.

Michael Farmer, another student body president candidate, said he planned to create a web page to communicate with students and said his administration would address information technology in residence halls.

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He shines and stinks, like rotten mackerel by moonlight.

John Randolph