

Community forum showcases candidates

■ Commissioner candidates met in a forum sponsored by TaxWatch.

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Representation methods and schools were among the issues discussed Sunday during a public forum for those Orange County residents seeking a place on the Orange County Board of Commissioners.

Hosted by TaxWatch, a public interest group, the forum allowed residents to meet and learn more about those seeking a commissioner's seat. Only Margaret Brown and Patrick Mulkey attended the forum. Incumbent Moses Carey and a fourth candidate did not attend.

Each of the candidates began by talking about their stance on the issues. Brown said she believed planning for growth was one of the most important issues the commissioners faced.

"I'm very concerned about good planning," Brown said. "I think it is one of the ways elected officials can lessen the cost of growth — by good long-range planning."

Mulkey concentrated on long-range financial planning. He said the Board of Commissioners needed to work to make sure that Orange County was a place where people could afford to live.

"I hate for people to have to decide

where they're going to live based on the taxes," he said. "One of the things I want to do as a county commissioner is to prioritize our spending needs."

During a question-and-answer session, the candidates responded to questions created by TaxWatch. The first question dealt with whether the candidates were in favor of district representation for the commissioner's race.

Mulkey said he was in favor of a modified district representation plan. "I would like to see a district representation plan that would encompass nominating someone from the district at the primary and having them be voted on at-large in November," he said.

Brown did not say whether she was in favor of district representation. Instead, Brown said she wanted to review the issues surrounding the representation debate before making a decision.

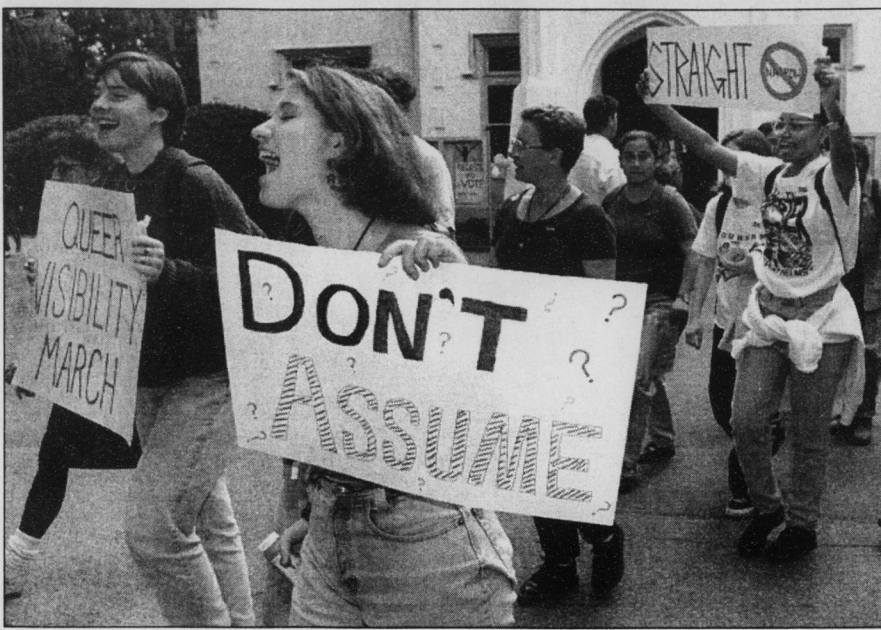
School overcrowding and an upcoming state school bond were also discussed at the forum.

Mulkey said the growth of both the Chapel Hill-Carrboro School System and the Orange County School System was of tremendous concern. He said that while more schools were needed, money should be spent more on education and less on the capital costs of building the schools.

Brown said the overcrowding of the schools was of particular concern to her.

"I strongly support the bond for school construction," she said. "We desperately need it to build schools in Orange County."

ASSUMING PRIDE



Cordelia Chenault, a sophomore from Okemos, Mich., marches with about 100 straight and gay students and faculty on campus Friday. Bisexuals, Gay men, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity celebrated National Coming-Out Day with a series of events, including the march and a speak-out in the Pit.

SPECIAL TO THE DTH/JIM WEBB

Privatization needs care, council says

■ The Faculty Council advocated balancing justice and economic efficiency.

BY RAY WATTERS
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Chancellor Michael Hooker addressed privatization at Friday's Faculty Council meeting, and the council voted to endorse a resolution on privatization already endorsed by the group's Committee on Privatization.

The resolution, adopted by the Employee Forum in May, states that "the University must balance and blend the values of economic efficiency with values of justice, education and social responsibility."

The state legislature has told universities and other public agencies to begin looking at more efficient ways to provide services. The issue has garnered a great deal of attention at UNC, especially among the University's housekeepers.

"The issue of privatization is one that is vexing for me and it should be for all of us," Hooker said. "It's something in virtually every legislature. We cannot escape from addressing the question (of privatization)."

Hooker said if the decision was up to him he would not even consider privatizing housekeepers.

"The human cost of doing so, in anxiety and disruption, is greater than the value that can be realized, I believe," he said.

Student Body President Aaron Nelson said he agreed with Hooker that the human cost was too great in comparison with any potential monetary gain.

The resolution that the council passed further states that any decision to privatize must consider not only the effect on the University but also the effect on employees and the public. The decision must include participation by the University community and support the values of that community, according to the resolution.

"The strength of the institution comes largely from a sense of community," Hooker said. "Anything that we do that undercuts or damages that sense of community ultimately affects the quality of what we do," he said.

In other business, the council also passed a resolution from the Advisory Committee on Undergraduate Admissions that calls for faculty involvement in the admissions office's efforts at recruiting the brightest students to the University.

Jim Walters, director of undergraduate admissions, said many potential students shied away from UNC because of a lack of student-faculty interaction.

"Market research showed that students felt that they did not have the faculty contact they could at some of our primary competitors."

Campus Calendar

Money," facilitated by Harvey Reed, Union 226.

5 p.m. - The UNC Figure Skating Club will meet in 105 Fetzner Gymnasium. All interested in the sport of figure skating are welcome.

6:45 p.m. - UNC Circle K will hold a meeting in Union 210. A fun service organization. All are welcome.

7 p.m. - The Student Health Service's Diabetes Support Group will meet. Call Margaret Vimmerstedt at 966-6562 for more information.

7 p.m. - Alpha Phi Omega Sorority, Inc. will hold an interest meeting in the South Gallery. All interested ladies, please come.

7 p.m. - The UNC Ballroom Dance Club will meet in 26 Woolen Gymnasium. There will be a fourth lesson on waltz, followed by a second lesson on Cha-Chaat at 8:30 p.m. For more information call 929-5673.

7 p.m. - Operation Smile will meet in the Carolina Union Auditorium. Old and new members welcome. Come and help change the life of a child forever.

7 p.m. - Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. is holding an interest meeting in the Frank Porter Graham Lounge of the Union for anyone interested in participating in the Morrison Sleepout for the Homeless to be held on Oct. 25.

7:30 p.m. - The Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies will debate "Resolved: Commercialism such as those in recent Calvin Klein

ad campaign should be censored" on the third floor of New West. Guests are welcome.

7:30 p.m. - Amnesty International Group 84 will present "Anti-Terrorism & Human Rights," an informal audience-participation discussion examining what limits, if any, should be placed on human rights and individual freedom while combating terrorism, in Union 226. Also, can the use of torture be justified to prevent terrorist attacks?

8 p.m. - DDA Studio One will present "Tiny Alice" by Edward Albee in the Old Playmakers Theatre. Admission is \$3 general admission, free to Playmakers Subscribers and Privilege Card Holders.

8 p.m. - The LAB! Theatre will present a magical, unusual production of Christopher Marlowe's "Dr. Faustus." An additional show time is scheduled for 5 p.m. Tuesday. The LAB! is located in the basement of the Graham Memorial. Admission is free.

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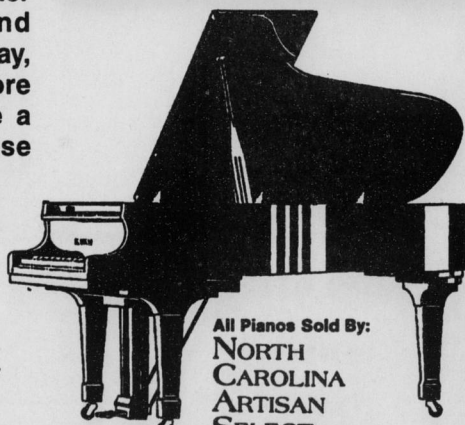
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