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Today's Weather
Mostly sunny; upper 40s.
Wednesday, Sunny, low 50s.

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IFC seeks to improve rush, end alcohol use

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The Interfraternity Council held an open discussion Monday night to talk about proposals that could prevent a University mandate to defer rush.

According to an agreement with Chancellor Michael Hooker, the Greek community must alter its rush processes or Hooker will postpone the new member recruitment until the spring.

The main topic of discussion was how fraternities could prevent alcohol use during rush.

"We can deal with dry rush for three weeks if that means we will have a better brotherhood," said David Gregg, a senior Chi Psi fraternity member from Greenville, S.C.

Adar Berghoff, a senior from Fayetteville, said it was possible for fraternities to have a successful rush without alcohol.

"We are selling ourselves short and proving what everyone says is true if we can't have a band during rush without alcohol," he said.

Berghoff suggested a two-strike system. "The first strike would be a warning, and the second strike would say that fraternity would have no rush this semester."

"We have to make the punishment fit the crime."

Gregg said there should be a stiffer financial penalty for an individual's

alcohol use.

"I don't want to see a house go under because of one person's actions," he said. "We've got to separate the individual from the fraternity."

Christian Charnaux, president of Chi Psi and a sophomore from Dallas, said there needed to be a better way to find the alcohol violations. He suggested that students do the enforcing.

Mo Nathan, a member of Chi Psi and a junior from Cary, said, "I think it's good, that we need to take responsibility for ourselves."

Berghoff agreed with the idea of student enforcement. He suggested inviting the media out to see the enforcement. "We could use the media as our tool and show everyone we are serious about this," he said.

IFC members also discussed shortening the rush period.

Gregg said he thought cutting the rush period could lead the members' and the prospective members' to decide too quickly.

"Careful decisions have to be made, and we need that extra time to make those decisions," he said. "Freshmen need that extra time."

Curtis Jablonka, a junior from Grove City, Ohio, said a list of proposals would be distributed to all IFC representatives by 3 p.m. today.

Voting on the proposals will be held Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in the South Gallery of the Student Union.

Student elections issues

Toned down turnout

BY TORI DAVIS
AND HILARY FRANKLIN
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"I Voted" stickers could be few and far between on campus today if the past 10 years are any indication.

The number of votes cast in student elections has been consistently low since 1988. The 1990 and 1994 elections garnered the highest turnouts, with more than 4,000 votes. About 24,000 students are eligible to vote.

Many students attribute the low election turnout rates to voter apathy, lack of information and shortened campaign periods. And they don't see any signs of change.

Senior Class vice presidential candidate Russell Mahan said he expected this year's turnout to be about equal to last year's 3,489 votes.

"The student body presidential race is not a close race this year like last year," Mahan said. "I think part of that might be due to the shortening of the campaign. That way you didn't have as much time to reach as many people."

Association of Student Governments President John Dervin also said he thought the length of this year's election period — the shortest ever — made it difficult to

get students excited about the races. Others contend that it's hard to get students excited about an election that they do not feel a part of.

"Nearly one-third of the student body are graduate students that feel disenfranchised from student government," said Mo Nathan, a student body president candidate.

Katherine Kraft, president of the

Graduate and Professional Student Federation, cited various reasons for the low graduate student turnout.

"Students have been faced with no introduction to student government and no information about what role they can play in it," Kraft said. "We've tried very hard this year to send out e-mails informing students about what issues they're eligible to

vote for."

Carolina Athletic Association President Seth Nore said another large segment of students don't realize they can vote.

"It needs to be publicized that seniors are still able to vote," he said. "They need to realize that they're voting for the thousand incoming freshmen and should want to leave the University in good hands."

Jason Reynolds, a CAA co-presidential candidate, said he had talked to many seniors who did not realize they could vote. "We're trying to let them know that they can vote," Reynolds said. "Their vote is wanted and needed."

Shawn Fraley, a student body president candidate, said he wanted to directly ask for student input. "Perhaps this direct interaction will create a general interest in the works of student government," he said.

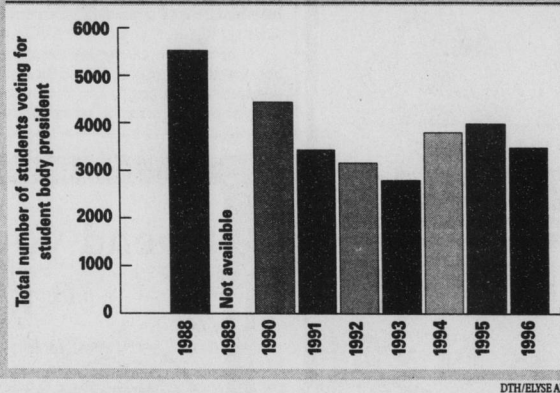
CAA co-presidential candidate Charlie Roederer said this general interest was lacking.

"Students don't see student government as being something they can really influence or really change," he said.

Student Body President Aaron Nelson said students do not fully

Going to the polls

The number of UNC students who have voted for student body president has varied greatly during the past nine years.



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CAA pairs get plaudits in 1st forum

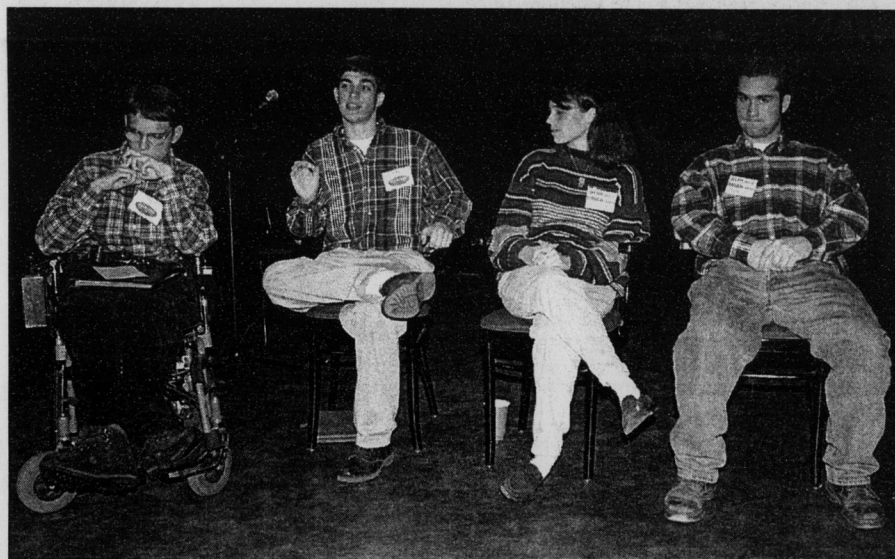
BY SHENG LEE
STAFF WRITER

The first ever Carolina Athletic Association candidates forum took place Monday night, on the eve of election day.

CAA co-presidential candidates Jason Reynolds and Charlie Roederer and co-presidential candidates Beth Stern and Brian Whitley discussed ideas at the forum, sponsored by the Critical Issues Committee of the Carolina Union Activities Board.

CAA President Seth Nore expressed his support for all candidates.

"We have four excellent candidates for the position, running together as co-presidents, all of which have had experience FORUM, PAGE 4



CAA co-presidential candidates Jason Reynolds and Charlie Roederer, and Beth Stern and Brian Whitley debate in the Union Cabaret on Monday night. The forum was sponsored by the Carolina Union Activities Board.

Council delays proposal for Tar Heel Motel site

BY JULIA WOOD
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At a third public hearing on the matter, Chapel Hill Town Council members and residents expressed reservations about approving the demolition of the Tar Heel Motel on Fordham Boulevard and replace it with a Days Inn.

Several council members said they were not ready to turn down the project, but they wanted the development's impact on stormwater management to be addressed before they would consider approving the application.

The application asks for concessions to the development ordinance allowing the project to exceed maximum floor area limit, to provide less than the minimum amount of livability space and to allow a buffer to overlap along the northern property line.

Council member Mark Chilton said he was most concerned that the applicant wanted to be allowed to exceed the allowable amount of impervious surfaces, such as parking lots.

"I am disinclined to reject this project outright, but I would like for the appli-

cant to find a way to much more closely approximate the impervious surface that currently exists at the site," he said.

Mayor Rosemary Waldorf said she was also not ready to reject the proposal but had concerns.

"I find the amount of impervious surfaces most troubling, in terms of precedent setting," she said.

"I'm also concerned with how far the project will extend back into the flood plain."

Several residents raised concerns about how the development would affect already problematic flooding conditions. Resident Art Werner said he was concerned that calculations about

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Council member MARK CHILTON raised concerns about the impervious surfaces on the old Tar Heel Motel property.



Sen. Howard Lee, D-Orange, (left) was appointed co-chairman of the N.C. Senate's education committee last week.

Senator's new appointment to reap dividends for UNC

BY GRAHAM BRINK
SENIOR WRITER

North Carolina's political arena provides few guarantees, but Democratic Sen. Howard Lee's appointment to co-chair the education committee ensures that the UNC-system advocate will have a strong influence on the state's educational agenda.

"Education, from preschool through graduate school, is the most important building block for successful future generations," he said.

Lee, who runs an airport concessions company, was first elected to the Senate in 1990 and twice won re-election before losing in 1994.

Lee, along with fellow Orange County Democrat Eleanor Kinnaird, beat Republicans Teena Little and P.H. Craig in District 16 last November to help build a 10-seat Democratic majority in the Senate.

"Lee has been a supporter of UNC and knows the education system," said

Elson Floyd, executive vice chancellor of UNC. "It's always nice not to have to go through a long learning curve."

Lee, 62, said he thought his most difficult task would be the fight to fund all levels of education. He said the recent tax cuts reduced the available funds.

For the UNC system to receive the maximum amount of funding during the N.C. General Assembly's upcoming budget negotiations, Lee said it was important to package the system as a team, not as individual schools.

"Negotiating for funding is easier if it's done for the whole system, not for each school separately," he said. "Pitting one school against another will split the legislature into regional groups."

Despite the systemwide approach, Lee said successful university systems rely on strong, well-funded flagship schools to bolster the regional schools. A flagship school like UNC-CH draws out-of-state students, provides a goal for

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Tune in, turn on, drop in

Results of today's student body elections will be broadcast live on Time Warner Cable channel 11 beginning at 8:30 p.m. An interview with Student Body President Aaron Nelson will precede the broadcast.

Homecoming Queen Teresa Avery and Chris Yates, former editorial page editor for The Daily Tar Heel, will host tonight's coverage of student-body-elections results live from Peabody Hall 08 and 104.

The broadcast will feature interviews with candidates and special guest commentators, including former Student Body President George Battle, writers from the Carolina Review and the Fifth Estate, and members of the DTH editorial board.

Coverage is being provided by UNC Public Affairs Television, a cooperative agreement between Student Congress, Student Television and Academic Technology & Networks.

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We are so vain that we even care for the opinion of those we don't care for.
Marie Ebner von Eschenbach