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Area hopefuls debate environmental issues

■ The forum allowed local pro-environmental groups to assess the candidates.

BY CHRIS ANDREW
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Local environmentalists and concerned citizens gathered to kick off election season at a Chapel Hill Town Council forum Tuesday night to find out how prospective council members felt about local environmental issues.

The Student Environmental Action Coalition, the Alliance for Neighborhoods, the Orange County Greens and the Orange/Chatham County Sierra Club sponsored the forum.

After a brief introduction from each of the seven candidates, the candidates

responded to four general questions posed by the sponsoring organizations.

Members of the Orange County Greens asked each candidate, hypothetically, whether they would spend \$2 million on backyard garbage pickup or as compensation for people who live near the Orange County Landfill.

Each candidate who responded supported compensation for the residents suffering from the county waste.

"I would use it to compensate the residents who had to live with our waste for the past 20 years," council member Edith Wiggins said.

She went on to say that residents should be willing to compensate these individuals if they are willing to raise huge funds for sorority and fraternity fire safety.

When asked what the two things candidates would do to make Chapel Hill a model of sustainable development in North Carolina, council member Richard Franck said the public could lower required levels of parking to reduce reliance on automobiles.

He said he strongly advocated work-



Susan Franklin-Fulton mediates the Chapel Hill Town Council forum Tuesday evening as prospective candidates describe their views on issues concerning the environment.

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ing to improve the mass transit system, as well as pushing for better wages for lower income residents.

Candidate Kevin Foy said the town could adhere to its already established growth values.

"Sustainable development has to encompass the delivery of basic services and decent housing supply," he said. "It has a strong component of social justice."

Other general questions posed includ-

ed candidates' stances on requiring a mandate to preserve 40 percent of natural habitat of developers, closing portions of Franklin Street on weekends, and completing a ban on recyclables in landfills.

SBP asked to diversify nominations

■ Student Congress voted down appointees because some were from cabinet.

BY EVAN SAUDA
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A resolution finalizing Student Body President Mo Nathan's appointments to several committees and boards failed Monday night because of concerns that his appointees did not represent a diverse student body.

Student Congress members gave the resolution, which includes appointments to the Arts and Sciences Advisory Board and the Student Legal Services Board of Directors, a 15-11 vote, but it did not pass because one appointment required a two-thirds vote.

Congress first tabled the resolution finalizing Nathan's appointments over concerns that the appointees did not represent the diversity of the University.

After debate, members untabled the resolution and added a rider. The rider required Nathan to meet with the Student Affairs Committee to discuss the merits of each appointee. That rider, along with the resolution, failed to pass.

The current appointees will continue serving, as they have been for some time, unless more diverse appointees can be found.

The committee will present a revised resolution without the need for a two-thirds vote for most of Nathan's appointees at congress' next meeting.

Some congress members had voiced concern that Nathan gave members of his cabinet, including Student Body Vice President Chris Yates, some of these appointments.

But this was not a factor in the failure of the resolution, said Angela Merritt, a member of the committee.

"It (the failure of the resolution) is more of a fair representation issue."

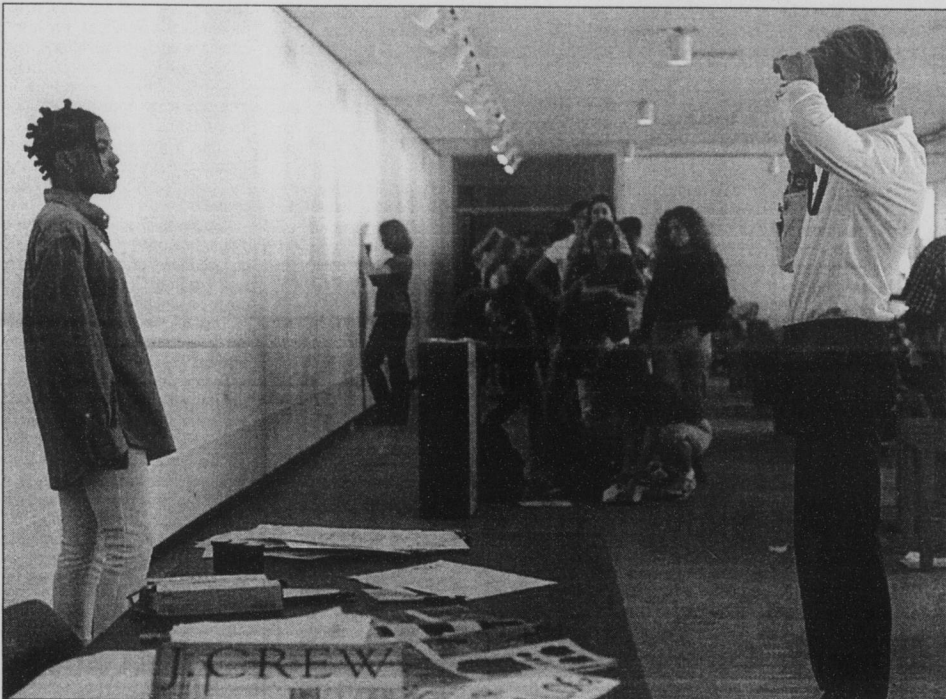
Other congress members took the same stance as Merritt.

"A few positions stood out as some that could be more representative of the student body," said Shawn Frost, a member of the committee.

The way this disagreement ended was evidence of the ability of both branches to cooperate, Merritt said.

Nathan said that he appointed members of his cabinet because of their reliability but that he had worked out his differences with congress.

"It looked more controversial than it was," Nathan said. "They had legitimate concerns but they recognized that I had solutions to their concerns."



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YOU BETTER WORK

Brant Stead, an editor for J. Crew, photographs sophomore Courtney Ransom (bottom). The catalog held an open casting call Tuesday in the Carolina Union Gallery for an upcoming photo shoot on campus. Of the more than 1,000 students photographed, only 10 will be called back next week.



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Banks offer incentives to students

■ Some banks consider the needs of students when developing new accounts.

BY DIMPLE JARIWALA
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Many banks, hoping to count college students among their customers, have made students the target of pamphlets and phone calls advertising special student deals.

Most banks develop special accounts with incentives directed to students to obtain their business.

"Students are valuable assets," said David Kimball, senior vice president at Central Carolina Bank and Trust.

"At the moment they may not have a lot of money but they are consumers in the community," she said. "In the future they will have the resources that will help the bank."

Choosing an appropriate bank can be difficult for some students and very confusing when students are bombarded by numerous banks.

"Student names are usually received through mailing lists which are purchased," Kimball said.

Laughin' all the way to the bank

Banks in Chapel Hill offer different variations of the same services to lure students away from competitors. The following are some options:

CCB

- College Banking Account - no fee
- check card (debit) - no fee
- \$300 check protection (if approved)
- no charge to use ATM at CCB machines
- \$1.25 ATM service fee at other bank locations

Centura Bank

- Student Checking Account - \$1.00 monthly fee
- 2 or more teller-assisted transactions - \$6.00

- free online banking, bank provides the software
- no minimum balance
- 1-800 phone number for balance updates and transactions
- free banking by mail (prepaid postage envelopes)

FIRST UNION

- College Express Account - no fee
- no minimum balance
- no service charges
- no charge to use ATM at First Union machines
- free "Direct Banking"

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Banks spend a lot of time and money trying to obtain student business, even though they realize most students are on a tight budget.

Tim Kelly, customer relations manager for First Union said banks understand the importance of student business.

"They are the future, and we are just trying to give a little back," he said.

Kimball agreed that investing in their bank's future clientele was time well spent.

"We would not be spending so much time trying to get students' business if

we did not feel it was worth it," he said.

First Union recently implemented a new service for students called the College Express Account, which offers special services designed to meet the needs of students.

"We have been lucky with the success of the College Express Account — we have had an overwhelming response from the students," Kelly said.

"We have been restructuring the company by linking accounts to Direct Bank, and having more ATM machines

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Members of Campus Y protest labor practices

BY CATHERINE MEDEOT
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Members of the Campus Y posted signs declaring "Nike. Just Don't Do It" throughout campus to protest UNC's \$7.1 million contract with the sports apparel giant.

The students are protesting the contract because of reportedly harsh and abusive conditions imposed by Nike on its workers, said Kristin Campbell, co-chairwoman of the Campus Y's Globe Committee.

"We are upset with Nike's labor practices in Southeast Asia," Campbell said. The committee wants to draw students' attention to the issue and inform students of Nike's working conditions.

"Initially, we're just trying to educate the campus," Campbell said. "We think the more the students know, they're going to want UNC to change the contract."

A coalition of independent groups will hold a speak-out on Nov. 7. The speak-out will address the contract, commercialism at UNC and Nike's labor conditions.

Marion Traub-Werner, one of the organizers of the speak-out, said the problem with the contract was that it was exclusive. The contract allows Nike to put its swoosh logo on all University athletic teams' apparel.

"I think it is always good when students express their opinions. But I have not heard any good arguments."

MICHAEL HOOKER
Chancellor

"In protest, buy the Carolina apparel, but don't buy the apparel with swooshes on them," Traub-Werner said. "That's now what UNC's about."

Although the main goal of the speak-out is to educate students, organizers of the event have two other requests.

The organizers would like to create a committee to discuss the commercial contracts UNC enters. The committee would consist of students, faculty and staff, Traub-Werner said.

The Campus Y also wants UNC to use its status as a large public institution to persuade Nike to change its policy.

"We hope UNC will use its influence as a major consumer to encourage Nike to improve working conditions," said Traub-Werner.

Chancellor Michael Hooker said Tuesday he respected the students' deci-

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INSIDE Wednesday

Up close and unplugged

Dr. Jane Stein kicked off the Bull's Head Bookshop's "Faculty Unplugged" series where faculty and students interact in an informal setting. Page 2

Living on the edge

Durham's city council members want to raise the pay of private contractors' employees that the city hires. Page 4

Today's weather

Chance of rain;
mid 60s
Thursday: Mostly cloudy;
mid 70s

Recognizing talents

The Daily Tar Heel welcomes applications for the fall 1997 Joanna Howell Fund project. The winning proposal will be published in the DTH. To apply, submit a detailed, typed proposal to the DTH by Oct. 3. Contact Editor Erica Beshears at 962-0245 for further details.

Do you know someone who should be considered "senior of the week" for their contributions to the University? Worthy seniors will be highlighted in a feature story each Wednesday. Contact Russell Mahan, senior class vice president, with questions or nominations at 962-9898.

An improper mind is a perpetual feast.

Logan Pearsall Smith