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GPSF to Push for Independence

The group's president, Bryan Kennedy, and others are trying to sever ties to the rest of student government.

By DeVONA A. BROWN
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The Graduate and Professional Student Federation is mounting a secession from student government to gain complete graduate student autonomy. Currently, graduate and professional organizations are circulating petitions for 2,000 graduate student signatures in efforts to have a referendum in February's elections that would sever GPSF ties to student government. The petition calls for a constitution

separate from student government, control of graduate and professional student fees and for dialogue with the Board of Trustees for an ex-officio seat.

GPSF President Bryan Kennedy said the plans for autonomy sparked from graduate students' dissatisfaction with the way the undergraduate majority ran Student Congress and student government. Kennedy said that as he attempted to get students to fill the eight open



Graduate and Professional Student Federation President Bryan Kennedy initiated GPSF's move for autonomy.

Congress seats, he got an overwhelming response that no one thought they could ever be fairly represented in Congress.

"Professional students were saying, 'Maybe it's time for us to control our own money,'" he said. "I received pretty much a mandate from student leaders. Every graduate student I talked to said this is the next step."

Kennedy said in past years, Congress gave limited consideration to graduate student groups wanting money. "If we weren't an officer in it or a member (of the groups), we didn't get the respect to pass anything through."

Although he is spearheading the move for autonomy, Kennedy said he initially did not support the measure. "Being hard-pressed to find anybody

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The Money Trail

Graduate student leaders plan to use the following steps to have student fees now distributed through Student Congress given to the GPSF Senate to allocate.

1. 7.5 percent of graduate students need to sign the petition to create a referendum.
2. The referendum is written.
3. Graduate students are educated about the changes proposed by the referendum and their effects.
4. Graduate students would vote on the referendum in February.
5. If the referendum passes, graduate student fees will likely be transferred to the GPSF Senate.

History Spells Out Frustrations

Graduate issues have not gotten the respect they deserve, leaders have said.

By SHARIF DURHAMS
Editor

Representatives for graduate students have fielded threats to their financial support and questions about their credibility since the University's first such organization was formed 30 years ago. And these threats have created frustration.

Former Graduate and Professional

Student Federation President Brad Torgan voiced it in 1985.

"I would be surprised if there was greater than a 5 to 7 percent turnout to the polls period, for any race," said Torgan, who was discouraged after only one of the nine student body president candidates addressed the GPSF Senate before elections.

And although all four student body president candidates spoke to GPSF senators this past year, the current president, Bryan Kennedy, expresses similar disdain now.

"This has been the best it has ever

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Residents: Students Not Good Neighbors

Some Northside residents say UNC students living in the area do not contribute to community togetherness.

By ANGELA LEA
Staff Writer

Several residents blamed students for problems in their neighborhoods in a report presented to the Chapel Hill Town Council on Monday night.

The report summarized a meeting between the town's planning board and residents of the Northside Conservation Area, a traditionally low-income neighborhood near the border of Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

"The residents' main interest is in maintaining and preserving the character of their neighborhood," said planning board member Madeline Jefferson.

Northside residents expressed concern over many issues, ranging from noise and parking violations to a lack of community cohesiveness, Jefferson said.

And according to the board's report, local residents believe these problems are aggravated by student residents.

Neighborhood resident Estelle Mabry states in the report that student residents do not contribute to the sense of community as long-term residents could. Single-family housing should be preserved, she said.

Ed Caldwell, also a Northside resident, states in the report that students do not want to be a part of the community, and resident and non-resident students caused parking overflows.

Miles Pressler, director of EmPOWERment Inc., an affordable housing advocacy group, stated that student rental housing had a negative impact on the neighborhood. The town needs to find an ethical way to prevent the transformation of Northside from a residential neighborhood to student "dorms," Pressler states in the report.

But council member Joe Capowski said he was not sure the council could pass laws to curb student occupancy of the Northside area.

"Some of these are things I just don't know if we can have, like restrictions on renting to UNC students," Capowski said. "We need to check on whether this legislation is feasible."

However, Capowski said the preservation of Northside was a valid concern.

Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf said the conservation of Northside would become increasingly important as the University's student population grew.

"With the University expanding by 3,000 to 5,000 in the next decade, we've really got to come up with some good preservation strategies," she said.

The council referred the matter to the town staff for further study and expects a report in December.

Reyna Walters, student body president, said she would definitely keep an eye on the possible restriction of student housing by the council.

"There is a need for low-income housing in Chapel Hill," she said.

"But also, there is another need for students to have a place to live."

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DTH/RACHEL LEONARD

Sophomore Justine D'Amico (right) receives help from freshman Cathy Brooks with picking out a Halloween costume at Time After Time, a vintage clothing shop on West Franklin Street. With Halloween this Saturday, many students have started the rush to find outfits for the celebrations.

Conflict-of-Interest Rules Rejected

The council decided to add an oath for board members to report interest conflicts.

By NICOLE WHITE
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Town Council rejected council member Julie McClintock's proposed ordinance Monday that would

have imposed conflict-of-interest regulations for advisory board members.

Rather than passing an ordinance, the council decided to attach an oath to board applications ensuring that members would abstain from voting on items if they had a conflict of interest.

McClintock's proposal included provisions requiring full disclosure of income sources that totaled more than \$5,000 in a given year.

Some council members said the disclosure rules would discourage residents from applying to advisory boards.

"I'm concerned about getting too stringent with anything we do with our advisory boards," council member Lee Pavao said. "We need our advisory boards. We have difficulty sometimes filling out positions. When we do things to deliberately make it harder to partic-

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Candidates Address Students

Six local election candidates spoke to a crowd of about 20 students at a forum held on campus Monday.

By ELEANOR CAMERON
Staff Writer

An elections forum Monday night brought six local political hopefuls to campus to articulate their platforms and discuss issues relevant to students.

The forum was sponsored by the Black Student Movement, student government, the UNC Young Democrats and The Daily Tar Heel. About 20 people showed up to listen to the candidates.

Orange County Board of Commissioners Alice Gordon and Stephen Halkiotis, both of whom seek-

ing re-election, and candidates Barry Jacobs and Kirk Nelson attended the forum.

Also speaking were candidates for the Register of Deeds Judy Anderson and incumbent Joyce Pearson.

The forum began with an abbreviated statement from each of the candidates. Each outlined their platforms and identified the issues that concerned them most.

Student Body President Reyna Walters, who moderated the forum, opened the floor for questions.

Problems addressed by the candidates included education, job-placement programs, tax increases, public safety, public health and social services.

Halkiotis said river pollution was a major concern confronting state leaders. "I believe the government does have an important function, he said. "People are getting sick from this thing called pfiesteria, which the government denied its

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INSIDE Tuesday

Issues at Hand



U.S. Secretary of Education Dick Riley and Rep. David Price, D-N.C., will be at South Building on Wednesday to discuss higher education issues and field questions from students. See Page 2.

Healthy Choice

The screening committee for the Director of Student Health Service position announced Monday that it has narrowed the search down to three finalists for the post. Interviews will take place on campus in November and December. See Page 4.

Today's Weather

Sunny and clear;
Mid 70s.
Wednesday: Partly
cloudy; Mid 70s.

Are you worthy?

Do you have an idea for an in-depth story? Is it worth writing for \$250? Is it a good enough idea to make it into the pages of The Daily Tar Heel?

If the answer is yes, then pick up an application for the Joanna Howell Fund. Proposals are due by 5 p.m. Friday so don't delay in getting that idea down on paper. The winner will receive \$250 and the story will be published in the DTH. Questions? Need more info? Call Editor Sharif Durhams at 962-4086.



DTH/LAURA LEIGH PAGE

Orange County Board of Commissioners candidate Barry Jacobs speaks at a candidate forum Monday night sponsored by the Black Student Movement, student government, the UNC Young Democrats and The Daily Tar Heel. He and his opponents, Alice Gordon, right, and Steve Halkiotis, left, addressed education and pollution.

Whenever you have an efficient government you have a dictatorship.

Harry S. Truman