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Neighbors' Criticisms 'Not True'

The Town Council received a report Monday that listed complaints about students living in the Northside area.

By MATT LECLERCQ
Assistant City Editor

Students who live in the Northside Conservation Area said they should not be targets of complaints by neighbors to the Chapel Hill Town Council.

The council received a report Monday from the town's planning board and Northside residents blaming students for noise, traffic, parking and garbage headaches.

In the traditionally low-income neighborhood near the border of Chapel Hill and Carrboro, houses rented by groups of students bump elbows with single-family dwellings.

"The problem is not people living in the neighborhood but people in the street who come up to our house asking for money, drugs or beer," said senior Bryan Grant, who is from London. "And these are not students. What they do is pinned on and associated with us."

Grant, who lives in a McMasters Street duplex, said he understood residents' complaints about noise.

However, his neighbor, junior Laura Wood, said non-students who lived nearby were louder than students in the neighborhood. "I bet you could sit on our deck for 10 minutes and hear screaming, fireworks or gunshots. Other people we see walking around at night are loud, and they aren't students."

Pritchard Avenue resident Estelle Mabry said students were welcome but should respect neighbors. She mentioned an earlier party thrown by students with an outdoor band. "There was not only beer bottles everywhere, but there was a cymbal in my garden. Students need a place to have live bands, but my back yard is not it."

Town Council member Joe Capowski said students would

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Leaders Question GPSF Autonomy

By COLLEEN JENKINS
Staff Writer

Tensions rose when Graduate and Professional Student Federation President Bryan Kennedy presented his proposal for the secession of the GPSF at Tuesday night's Student Congress meeting.

Student Body Treasurer James Dasher was among several campus leaders who expressed concerns.

"(Kennedy's) behavior has been unconstitutional," he said. "No petition

has been submitted to the student body president in accordance with the constitution."

Kennedy said he talked about his proposal with the leaders of 30 or 40 of the largest graduate and professional organizations at UNC and received approval from all of them.

But he admitted he had only spoken with one graduate congress member, Rep. Mark Kleinschmidt, Dist. 1.

Kleinschmidt said he disagreed with Kennedy's claim of approval from all graduate and professional leaders.

"Kennedy did not consult the people as he said he did," he said. "My president (Steven Gebeaux of the Student Bar Association) didn't find out about this until Sunday. Every leader does not support this. It's a misstatement."

Alexis Stackhouse, external vice president of the GPSF, said Gebeaux should not have an opinion yet because he did not know enough information.

In addition, Rep. Cianti Stewart-Reid, Dist. 10, said she supported the GPSF if it felt it was the last course of action.

"I have concerns, but they know

what's right for them," she said.

Rep. Jason Arnold, Dist. 13, said he questioned how groups with both undergraduate and graduate students would be addressed. He said he doubted graduate participation would increase with a separation, since eight of the 12 graduate Congress seats were presently open.

"(Graduate students) seem apathetic," he said. "We're putting polls in Hamilton Hall to get them to think about going to vote."

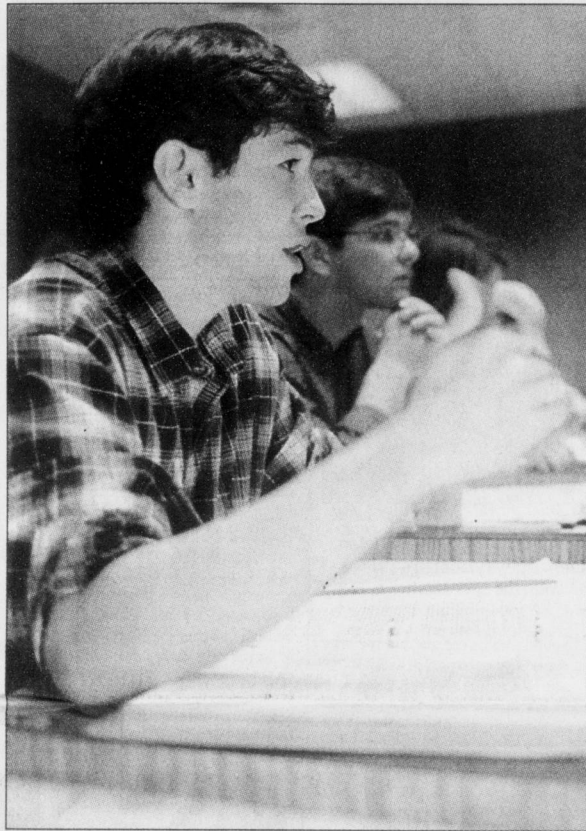
Among Congress members and others questioning the move to separate

government, Katherine Kraft, former GPSF president, said she had grave concerns about the proposed succession.

"I think the magnitude of this move goes far beyond the implications being presented, and I don't think it will benefit anyone."

She said the major impact of this proposed separation would make the graduate body the minority. "The minority always loses, and that would be us," she said. "We lose the power of 24,000 stu-

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Student Congress representative Jason Crowley, Dist. 21, debates the proposed funding for Common Sense to bring Charlton Heston to UNC.

Student Congress Allots Common Sense \$10,000

The group will use the hotly-debated funding to bring actor Charlton Heston to speak on campus.

By ANDREW MEEHAN
Staff Writer

After weeks of debate and questions, Student Congress gave \$10,000 to conservative group Common Sense Tuesday so it could bring National Rifle Association President and actor Charlton Heston to speak on campus.

Despite earlier questions about Common Sense's previous use of Congressional funds, members focused discussion on giving \$10,000 to one group, which would deplete Congress' speaker fund by more than 50 percent.

During debate, Congress added two amendments to the original bill, and rejected a third amendment.

Congress rejected an amendment proposed by Rep. Evan Sloan, Dist. 16, that would have reduced funds to \$5,000. Sloan said he believed the group could easily raise the additional money.

"If you think (Common Sense) represents half or more than half of the student body, then vote for the bill."

Rep. Cianti Stewart-Reid, Dist. 10, supported Sloan's amendment. She had suggested the same amendment in Congress' Oct. 13 session, but it was rejected at that meeting.

The funding for the group comes from Congress' speaker fund, which is a part of its special projects fund. The fund had \$18,000 before funding Common Sense. Congress won't add any money to the fund this school year.

Outside the meeting, Finance Committee Chairman Ryan Schlitt, Dist. 21, said the fund was supposed to be used mainly in the early part of the year so groups could plan events.

Congress passed an amendment proposed by Rep. Andrew Hoffman, Dist. 20, which gave Common Sense \$10,000, but called for the money to be returned to the speaker's fund if the group could not get Heston to speak.

Congress also passed riders that Speaker Brad Morrison attached to Hoffman's amendment. Morrison's riders provided specific dates at which the

group's funds would revert.

The group, according to the riders, must have a contract with Heston by the end of the semester. The contract must bind him to speak by March 1, 1999. If the contract is not made, the money would revert to the speaker's fund.

Another Morrison rider called for the funds to be frozen if the group changed the event's venue. The group plans to hold the event in Memorial Hall.

Common Sense Chairman Scott Rubush said Heston would speak for a fee of \$25,000, and the remaining funds for the event were still pending from three different organizations.

Outside the meeting, Schlitt said it was not unusual for Congress to fund groups that had not fully secured remaining funds for an event.

He said he was not worried about Common Sense obtaining the rest of the funds it needed for the event.

"I am very confident because in the

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"I am very confident because (Common Sense has) pulled off the events which we have funded them for."

RYAN SCHLITT
Finance Committee Chairman

Incumbents, Challengers Pound Education Pulpit

By CATE DOTY
Staff Writer

Incumbents Sen. Lauch Faircloth, R-N.C., and Rep. David Price, D-N.C., have both been strong education advocates during their tenures in the U.S. Senate and House respectively, pushing spending bills and tax credit plans.

But challengers have their own ideas for improvements in education.

Republican House challenger Tom Roberg and Democratic Senate hopeful John Edwards outlined plans for increased educational spending and cuts in government bureaucracy, while Libertarian candidates advocated abolishing the U.S. Department of Education.

The candidates might have a tough road ahead to overshadow the work of the incumbents.

Last year, Price authored the Education Affordability Act, a program to make interest on student loans tax deductible. Faircloth supported a bill that created tax credits for community college students.

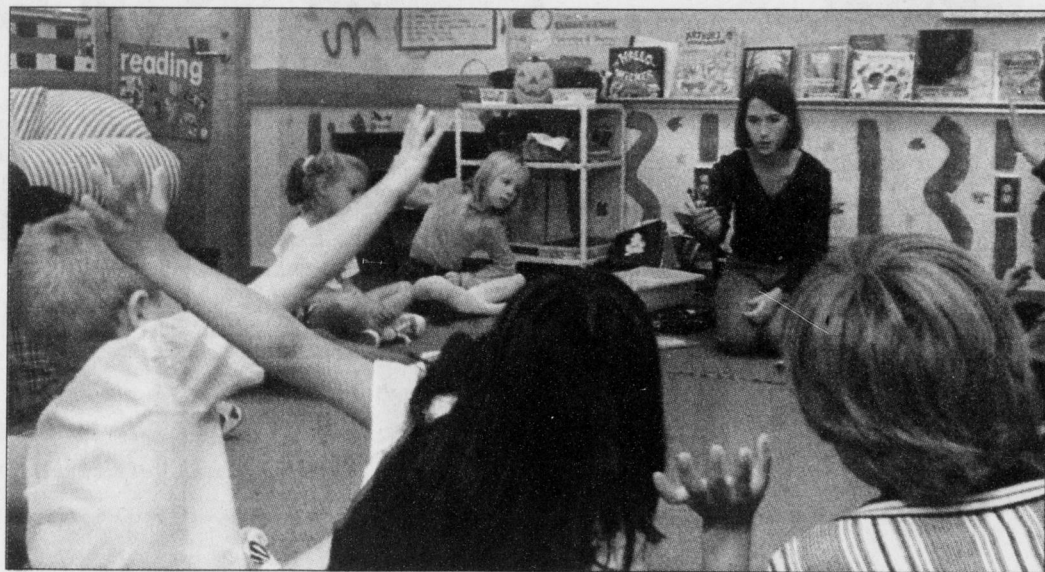
"Education is my first priority," Price said. And that view is held by Senate contenders as well. Edwards said if he was elected he would work to increase educational spending.

"First we need to cut the bureaucracy from the (U.S.) Department of Education," Edwards said in a speech at UNC on Monday. "There are also other potential sources (for educational funding), for example, closing corporate subsidies."

Partisan differences did not stop Republicans from touting a similar idea.

"There are over 300 departments in the education department," Roberg said. "We can compartment-

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Laura Dickerson leads her first grade class in a book discussion at Seawell Elementary School in Chapel Hill on Tuesday afternoon. Issues such as school funding and overcrowding will be significant issues in the upcoming elections.

N.C. Candidates 'Talk the Talk' of More Funding

By LINDSEY EMERY
Staff Writer

A common theme among those vying for North Carolina's two 16th-district state senate seats is the need for increased funding in both primary and higher educational institutions across the state.

Overcrowding, lack of technology advance-

ments and underfunding for community colleges topped the candidates' lists of concerns. But the overall consensus remained focused on the idea of more money for education.

Incumbent Sen. Eleanor Kinnaird, D-Orange, said many programs for improvement had been brought up in the General Assembly, but none had been implemented yet. "We have talked the talk, but not walked the walk," she

said. "We have not committed the funds needed to implement all the suggested programs."

This issue did not split candidates along party lines. Republican candidate P.H. Craig also said more money needed to be put toward public education.

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INSIDE Wednesday

Shelton Wins No. 300

UNC field hockey coach Karen Shelton recorded her 300th career win Tuesday night as the Tar Heels topped Wake Forest. Shelton, who has been the coach at UNC for the past 18 seasons, has also collected four national titles with the Tar Heels. See Page 9.



It's Fun to Stay...

An additional \$10,000 from the town for after-school programs at South Estes Drive Family Resource Center means more field trips, cookouts and basketball games for neighborhood kids. Volunteers provide positive role models for the children. See Page 8.



Today's Weather

Partly cloudy;
Mid 70s.
Thursday: Sunny;
Upper 70s.

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If you think education is expensive — try ignorance.

Derek Bok