



The University and Towns IN BRIEF

DTH Sets Guidelines For Elections Coverage

The Daily Tar Heel editorial board has set platform word limits and interview times for candidates running for positions in student government.

To be considered for endorsement by the editorial board, candidates must submit a platform, 300-word personal statement and résumé no later than 5 p.m. Friday.

Student Congress candidates must also complete a questionnaire.

Candidates should deliver that information to the DTH front office in Suite 104 of the Student Union.

Platforms will appear in the DTH beginning Feb. 7.

In addition, all candidates — except those running for Student Congress — must complete an interview before the editorial board. Dates, times and locations for those interviews follow. Interview times are non-negotiable.

For more information, contact Editorial Page Editor Scott Hicks at 962-0245 or e-mail closetwi@email.unc.edu.

Platform word limits:

■ Student body president — 675 to 700 words

■ Graduate and Professional Student Federation president — 600 to 625 words

■ Student Congress — 150 to 175 words

■ Residence Hall Association president — 300 to 325 words

■ Carolina Athletic Association president — 300 to 325 words

■ Senior class president and vice president — 300 to 325 words

Interview Schedule:

■ Student body president interviews will take place Feb. 12 in Union 210 and last 30 minutes per candidate. Candidates should arrive at the following times: Michael Harris, 8:30 a.m.; Matt Martin, 9:05 a.m.; Brad Matthews, 9:40 a.m.; Joshua Ray, 10:15 a.m.; Erica Smiley, 10:50 a.m.; and Preston Smith, 11:25 a.m.

■ The GPSF president interview will take place Feb. 10 in Lenoir Dining Hall 109 or 110 and will last 30 minutes. Matthew Bouchard should arrive at 5 p.m.

■ RHA president interviews will take place Tuesday in Union 220 and will last 15 minutes per candidate. Candidates should arrive at the following times: Gaffney Gunter, 5 p.m.; Melodie Potts, 5:20 p.m.; and Robin Yamakawa, 5:40 p.m.

■ CAA president interviews will take place Tuesday in Union 220 and will last 15 minutes per interview. Candidates should arrive at the following times: Corey Bell, 6:15 p.m.; Tee Pruitt, 6:35 p.m.; and Michael Songer and Adam Walters, 6:55 p.m.

■ Senior class president and vice president interviews will take place Sunday in Union 218 and will last 15 minutes.

Candidates should arrive at the following times: David Beyer and Godwin Ogunmefun, 5 p.m.; Jason Cowley and Sheryllyn Black, 5:20 p.m.; Joy Ganes and Sarah Kolluru, 5:40 p.m.; Robinson Hogue and Scott Washington, 6 p.m.; and Jen Santhouse and James Hampton, 6:20 p.m.

Student Stores Extends Textbook Refunds

UNC Student Stores will extend textbook refunds through today.

The textbook department of Student Stores will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Crazy Acts Today Lead To Tickets Thursday

The second annual "What Would You Do for Dook Tickets?" Contest will take place today in the Pit.

The contest begins at 9 a.m. but participants must arrive no later than 8:30 a.m.

The contest is open to everyone. Winners will receive a pair of tickets to the UNC vs. Duke basketball game Thursday.

Contestants will perform the craziest acts they can think of and the four craziest acts will be selected to receive tickets.

The only rules for the contest are that the contestant can not harm him or herself or another person, and no nudity is allowed.

The contest will be broadcast live on G105 during the Bob and Madison Showgram. Please contact Carolina Athletic Association President Tee Pruitt with any questions at 960-7889.

From Staff Reports

Aldermen Approve Trailer Park Ordinance

By WALTER HERZ
Staff Writer

The future of a local mobile home park was ensured Tuesday night at a Carrboro Board of Aldermen hearing.

The aldermen unanimously approved an ordinance that made it easier for residents of the Rocky Brook Mobile Home Park to replace their old trailers with new ones.

Alderman Diana McDuffee said the park was located in the Old Pittsboro Road Neighborhood Preservation District, which could have made every new trailer brought into the park subject to district commission regulations for housing.

"This ordinance exempts the park from those regulations," she said.

Alderman Mark Dorosin said this would facilitate mobile home "change-outs" and make life easier for the park's operators and residents.

"Mobile homes are a huge component of affordable housing in the community, and we should minimize any restriction that we already have on people relying on them as housing," he said. "We certainly don't need to add any more restrictions."

McDuffee said that although last night's decision was made taking only the Rocky Brook Mobile Home Park into account, the ordinance could be used in other similar situations.

"When we make a decision like this, we have to apply it to any other case," she said.

"However, it is pretty unlikely that

we'll see a preservation district in the same situation again."

In a related issue, the board also spent much of its time discussing vernacular architectural standards, which apply to residential construction.

If followed strictly, these standards would influence the style of any new large housing developments in Carrboro.

McDuffee said the standards were



Carrboro Alderman Mark Dorosin supported a measure that he claimed would help residents of mobile homes.

accepted by the board last year merely as suggestions, but had now risen again for further discussion.

"We did not adopt the vernacular architectural standards as requirements," she said. "That would have dictated how houses would have to look. The standards are pretty rigid."

McDuffee said a strict adherence to the architectural standards might demand that new large developments follow the same style of house building.

"It would require that all houses be replicas of 1920s mill houses," she said. "Obviously, this has started a lot of philosophical debate."

Alderman Allen Spalt said residents' opinions on the architectural standards varied widely.

"Some people look at them and say,

"these give a lot of room, a lot of latitude," he said. "Others, with the same qualifications, say, 'these are so restrictive, we couldn't build anything but 50-year-old mill houses.'"

Though no major decisions were made Tuesday night, McDuffee said it was very important for the board to eventually come to a decision on the significance of the vernacular architectural standards.

"Even though we did not adopt the standards as requirements, we did adopt them as suggestions, and they're going to be taken as what we want," she said. "We have to ask ourselves what it is we really want."

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Carving a Unique Career



PHOTOS AND STORY
BY GREG WOLF

Clyde Jones never really meant to be a "folk artist."

But one day, about 15 years ago, he took his chainsaw and decided to make an animal with some wood he found on the banks of the Haw River.

Brightly colored and strangely shaped giraffes, alligators and reindeer soon started popping up all over Bynum, the old mill community 10 minutes south of Chapel Hill where Clyde lives.

And people in the area began to take notice, establishing Clyde's reputation as a folk artist.

Since then, Clyde has taken his critters coast to coast, exhibiting them in museums across the country. He has been featured in several anthologies of southern folk artists.

But Clyde always returns home to Bynum.

The pictures and letters that adorn his front porch (top photo) reflect Clyde's diverse

following. There's a letter from Mikhail Baryshnikov, thanking Clyde for a critter that he gave to his son. There's also a photo of a critter that reached the Great Wall of China.

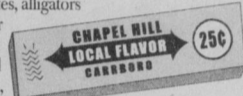
Clyde's home (photo left, bottom), visited by hundreds of people each year, is impossible to miss among Bynum's small white houses. The house hasn't always been so eye-catching, but over the years it has become Clyde's gallery.

But Clyde has been moving Bynum lawns longer than he's been making animals. His

lawn mower (photo right, bottom) is his only mode of transportation in Bynum.

And not wanting to change his small-town life, Clyde refuses to put a price tag on his creations, although people have offered hundreds of dollars for a single animal. He still prefers to give his critters away to fans and friends.

Clyde Jones remains the same man who, years ago, got the urge to make an animal. And his zoo keeps growing.



A five-part series of photo essays taking a look at the people and places that make our local area unique.

Former SBP Enters N.C. Senate Race

By GAVIN OFF
Staff Writer

A former UNC student body president has once again thrown his hat into the political ring, but this time on the state level.

On Jan. 17, Calvin Cunningham, UNC student body president from 1995 to 1996, announced his candidacy for the N.C. legislature, pledging to combat low high school graduation rates and widespread illiteracy in the state.

Cunningham will run for the N.C. Senate in District 23, which includes Lexington, Salisbury and Statesville.

He is the only Democrat to file for the office, although three Republicans are also vying for the Senate seat vacated by Democrat Jim Phillips.

A recent UNC School of Law graduate, Cunningham practices law in his home town of Lexington.

He is now recruiting volunteers to help his campaign while raising the \$100,000 he predicts will be needed to finance his efforts.

Cunningham said the main reason he decided to run for office was to fulfill his civic duty and give back to society.

"I do believe in public service — I believe in it strongly," Cunningham said. "That's something I learned at Carolina, that we have to give back and this is my way of doing so."

Cunningham added that the number of University alumni in the state Legislature was at an all-time low and that he wanted to renew UNC's voice in the Legislature.

Aaron Nelson, a former student body president who worked with Cunningham in student government during his tenure at UNC, said Cunningham's experience at UNC and his insight into the University's needs would be important for the school's future.

"(Calvin) would also be beneficial for Carolina," Nelson said. "He understands the issues and needs of the University."

Cunningham said his position as student body president at UNC served as the foundation for his political knowledge.

While attending UNC, Cunningham was an active supporter of the Young Democrats and served on the campaign committee of two UNC student body presidents. He was also on the search committee that selected the late Chancellor Michael Hooker and backed a \$400 tuition increase in 1996.

It was then that Cunningham learned to listen to new ideas and build consensus among people of all backgrounds and beliefs, he said.

Cunningham said he believed running for state Senate was an opportuni-

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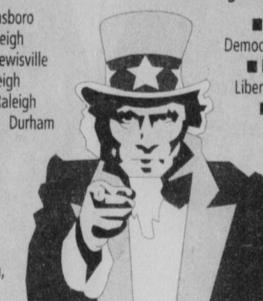
Candidates are gearing up for what could be hotly contested races as the May 2 N.C. primaries approach. Congressional candidates and gubernatorial hopefuls are listed here.

Gubernatorial Candidates

- Bob Ayers — Democrat, Swansboro
- Mike Easley — Democrat, Raleigh
- Roger Maines — Democrat, Lewisville
- Ken Rogers — Democrat, Raleigh
- Dennis Wicker — Democrat, Raleigh
- Barbara Howe — Libertarian, Durham
- Leo Daughtry — Republican, Raleigh
- Art Manning — Republican, Vanceboro
- Chuck Neely — Republican, Raleigh
- Richard Vinroot — Republican, Charlotte

Fourth Congressional District

- David Price — Democrat, Chapel Hill
- Brian Towey — Libertarian, Durham
- Jess Ward — Republican, Morrisville



SOURCE: N.C. BOARD OF ELECTIONS

ty for him to exercise new ideas about education throughout the state.

"The centerpiece of this campaign is supporting education at all levels," he said. "Everywhere I travel, I hear from people that we need to begin to reduce class sizes."

"We're also dangerously close to a teacher shortage in North Carolina, particularly in Davidson County," Cunningham said.

Lee Conner, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, said it was no surprise that Cunningham was joining the race.

"Calvin's always been a very politically active guy," Conner said. "I think he likes politics and government for the things he can accomplish."

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Mayor Combats Housing, Parking Problems

By JASON OWENS
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Parking and affordable housing issues reared their ugly heads once again as Mayor Rosemary Waldorf offered up a plan to the Chapel Hill Town Council to remedy the problems that plague the town.

Waldorf's petition, which met support from most of the council Monday night, calls for increased town regulation of new developments to create more affordable housing and cut down on local traffic problems.

Council member Bill Strom agreed with the suggestion that the town support and encourage builders to consid-

er more affordable housing options early in the development process.

"The question about getting the developers to provide a diverse range of housing is happening late in the process," Strom said. "The petition is putting developers on notice of the council's wishes."

The petition also calls for a maximum number of parking spaces to be allowed at new buildings in order to encourage alternative transportation to driving cars.

Council member Kevin Foy said more use of public transportation would curb the parking and traffic problems in downtown Chapel Hill.

"We want to avoid clogged roads," he

said. "We hope that in the future, there will be even less parking and more use of public transportation, sidewalks and bicycles."

Foy cited traffic problems as one of the most important issues facing Chapel Hill and said widening roads would not provide a solution.

"We don't have the roads to handle 50,000 to 100,000 cars a day at rush hour," he said. "We want to avoid getting still at rush hour."

But Council member Pat Evans said she wanted more research done before any changes were made to local parking regulations.

"There's a shaky foundation on the parking requirement," she said. "We

ought to have a good background on the issue."

She cited research done by the Institute of Transportation Engineers that showed past parking regulations had not been effective in combating parking problems.

"I think it shows that (parking regulations were) arbitrarily set last time," she said.

The petition will be presented to Town Manager Cal Horton and the Chapel Hill planning department before going back to the council with recommendations.

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Board Nags Potential IFC Site

County commissioners claim the Homestead Road site will not benefit those who utilize the IFC shelter.

By SARAH BRIER
Staff Writer

As the Inter-Faith Council struggles to decide on a location for its homeless shelter, the Orange County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution Tuesday night discouraging the use of the Homestead Road site.

Commissioners expressed concern that moving the shelter from its current location on Rosemary Street would eat away at space for county buildings as well as conflict with current IFC facilities already at the site.

The 34-acre property on Homestead Road was purchased for the buildings needed for county functions in the southern part of the county, Commissioner Alice Gordon said.



Commissioner Stephen Halkiotis cast the lone vote in support of the Homestead Road location.

"Ten percent of (the Homestead Road site) was leased to the IFC," Gordon said. "They are using this for a remote facility for homeless women, children and victims of domestic abuse."

Gordon suggested the land continue to be used solely for the purpose of housing women and children and maintaining county offices.

IFC Board President Pamela Smith said that before the board could make a decision about continuing expansion programs, the members needed to know if the county land was worth consideration.

Commissioner Barry Jacobs responded to Smith's question by saying the land was not out of the question. "It is on the edge of the table," he said.

"But we want to know if other things will fit in the middle before it is placed there. ... The county isn't saying no."

Commissioner Moses Carey said the board was in support of the IFC efforts, but he did not think that the Homestead Road property would be the most conducive to the residents.

"That site is one of several ... and the sentiment that the resolution conveys is that we've always supported the IFC but it is not the best location," Carey said. "There is a lack of proximity to downtown, and residents need to walk to the jobs and the shelter."

Being in an accessible location not only for clients but for volunteers was a concern for IFC Director Chris Moran, who attended the meeting. "We really rely on student and faculty volunteers," he said. "Being accessible, being visible is important."

Commissioner Stephen Halkiotis was the one voice of dissent. "There is a difference in opinion," he said. "I vote we don't slam the door totally shut. ... We need a trail of dissension, and I'll be that dissension."

Carey said the Board of Commissioners left an opening so the IFC could always come back to the Homestead Road site if all else failed.

Moran was confident that in the end the right decision would be made. "The elected officials are always supportive of the IFC," Moran said. "There are always hurdles, but that's what makes it fun. ... The thing is not the land but getting them to understand the social issues."

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