

Town Tallying Cleanup Costs

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In the wake of the largest snowstorm in recorded history, Chapel Hill officials are still calculating the cleanup and damage costs.

Although exact numbers will not be released for at least another week, Town Manager Cal Horton estimates that the total expenditures will come to about \$80,000.

Expenses include money spent on salt and sand trucks, ice scrapers, machinery to rid the streets of felled trees, as well as the salaries of personnel hired to deal with the debris. Horton said the town would not budget for a storm of similar magnitude to hit Chapel Hill again.

"This was the largest snowstorm recorded in history in this area," Horton said.

"It would not make sense to budget on that basis."

Town Council member Pat Evans said the town had money reserved for such emergencies.

"There's a contingency fund set aside for this," Evans said. "Our community is really well-run and well-organized financially."

But Public Works Director Bruce Heflin said the amount Chapel Hill spent on cleaning the streets after the storm far exceeded the amount of money allotted in the budget. Even so, officials are not worried about covering the expenses.

Reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency is expected, and funds ordinarily set aside for other types of maintenance can be put to use.

"We'll probably not spend money on other projects," Horton said. "The town

has some projects that are optional every year. Something such as landscaping maintenance won't be carried out."

Council member Lee Pavao said the town did not expect a similar storm to hit again.

"Twenty-two inches doesn't happen a lot in North Carolina," Pavao said.

"We haven't had one that's come close in the past three years," he said. "So from what we know, I don't see much we can do different."

Other Town Council members agreed, saying they did not feel it necessary to plan for another snowstorm like the one experienced in January.

"This is the first snowstorm in a hundred years like this," Evans said. "I don't think I'll be around for the next one."

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Smith Backs Vinroot in Ads

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Former UNC basketball coach Dean Smith, a well-known Democrat, has chosen to back the Republican gubernatorial campaign of one of his former players.

Smith was recently featured in a 30-second advertisement for Republican gubernatorial candidate Richard Vinroot.

Vinroot played basketball at UNC from 1959-1963. Smith took over the team in 1961.

The ad depicts Smith talking about Vinroot's past achievements and character.

"Richard Vinroot - Eagle Scout, Morehead Scholar, basketball player for Carolina, volunteered to serve in Vietnam and won the bronze star there," Smith said in the ad. "Above all, Richard Vinroot has character and honesty, and that's important."

Chris Neeley, Vinroot's campaign manager, said the ad aimed to capitalize on Smith's reputation to persuade vot-

ers. The ad has been airing in the Greensboro area for close to three weeks. Neeley said it would eventually air in other parts of the state.

Neeley said Smith's respect for Vinroot's character and his relationship with Vinroot since their days together at UNC were Smith's main reasons for appearing in the ad.

"Dean Smith and Vinroot are very good friends," he said. "It's a testament to Richard's character for someone like Dean Smith, who has a good reputation here and across the nation, to do this."

Smith is a well-known and respected Democrat, but Neeley said Smith thought highly enough of Vinroot, a Republican, to do the ad.

"The bottom line is, regardless of party affiliation, Dean transcends party politics and ideology," he said. "I don't think people in this state care about (Smith crossing party lines) - they look at him as someone who is respected."

Scott Falmlen, executive director of the N.C. Democratic Party, said Smith had publicly endorsed Democratic candidates in the past. But he added that Smith was entitled to whatever political opinion he wanted.

"We understand the personal rela-

tionship and his decision to endorse Vinroot," Falmlen said. "Mr. Vinroot is obviously using every asset he has to his advantage, and I guess he considers Dean Smith an asset."

He said he could not predict the ad's effect on voters. "He is certainly well-respected, but I can't quantify the effect in terms of how many people he will persuade," Falmlen said.

UNC political science Professor Thad Beyle said the ad was likely aimed at Republican voters, but he was not sure the tactic would succeed.

Beyle said Smith's decision to produce the ad was a reflection on his dedication to his players, not his party affiliation.

"I think it says more about the loyalty of a coach to the players on his team," Beyle said.

Falmlen said he had not lost hope that Smith would support the Democratic Party in the upcoming election.

"Should Vinroot not make it past the primaries, I would hope (Smith) would come back to his traditional roots and support the Democratic candidate."

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