

Hey Joe
Heels corral Cavs.
See Page 11



New Kids
If you applied to work for the
DTH this semester, check the
postings outside Union Suite 104.



Fair Weather
Today: Partly Cloudy, 41
Friday: Partly Cloudy, 52
Saturday: Cloudy, 61

The Daily Tar Heel

www.dailytarheel.com

Serving the students and the University community since 1893

Thursday, January 25, 2001

Candidate Outlines Greek Visions

By STACEY GEYER
Staff Writer

The second and final candidate for the director of Greek affairs outlined six principles he thinks should guide the future of UNC's Greek community in an open forum Wednesday afternoon.

Steve Veldkamp, who currently serves as assistant director of student activities and leadership programs at Western Michigan University, fielded questions from a crowd of almost 20 people, including Greek alumni and fraternity and sorority members.

The committee charged with the task of selecting a new Greek affairs director will meet Monday and submit their analy-

ses of the two candidates to Cindy Wolf Johnson, head of the committee and associate vice chancellor for student affairs.

Former Director of Greek Affairs Ron Binder vacated the post, which he had held for six years, in mid-October.

Veldkamp emphasized the importance of having a Greek system that maintains high ideals for its members. "If I would ask any Greek sitting here to repeat their creed, it would almost bring a tear to their eye," he said about the ideals that Greek organizations should strive to attain.

Veldkamp fleshed out his vision for attaining these goals by discussing the six elements of a successful college laid out by Dr. Ernest Boyer, former president of the Carnegie Foundation for the

Advancement of Teaching.

The elements include a commitment to education and promoting a just Greek community in which all segments of the system work together, Veldkamp said.

He said fraternity and sorority members should be allowed to have input about how their organizations are run. "(Greek organizations) are set up to give students an option to vote and make decisions."

Two more of Boyer's elements, discipline and caring, explain why higher expectations should be placed on Greeks compared to other students, Veldkamp said.

"There are expectations for when you join a Greek organization," Veldkamp said about the need to engage in disci-

plined action.

The final element in achieving a top-notch Greek system is praising chapters that are doing well and identifying those that could improve, Veldkamp said.

Former Interfraternity Council President John Gardner said the committee will discuss both candidates Monday but does not plan to make a selection.

The committee originally set a Feb. 1 deadline to complete its selection, but Wolf Johnson, who could not be reached for comment Wednesday, has said in the past that the original deadline might be overly optimistic.

The University Editor can be reached at udesk@unc.edu.



Greek affairs director candidate Steve Veldkamp speaks to members of the Greek community Wednesday about his views for the future.

Councils Favor Free Bus System

As long as students vote to help fund it, Chapel Hill and Carrboro leaders say they will support fare-free busing.

By STEPHANIE GUNTER
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Town Council and the Carrboro Board of Aldermen are both interested in supporting a fare-free bus system, but only if students are willing to chip in.

With Student Congress' decision to place a referendum on the ballot Feb. 13, both governing boards say they will wait to see what the students decide.

The referendum will ask students to consider a student fee increase — \$8.49 per semester and \$1.49 per credit hour in the summer — to cover the University's pledge to pay for 40 percent of the cost of a fare-free bus system.

The rest of the cost will fall to Chapel Hill and Carrboro. "I'm certainly in favor of the concept," said Town Council Member Lee Pavao. "We just have to see about the overall cost." The students will not be required to cover the remaining 60 percent if Chapel Hill and Carrboro choose not to support this endeavor monetarily, said Student Body Vice President Lerissa Rentas. "The way the referendum works is it is conditional," she said. "If for any reason the negotiations aren't to our liking, then we don't have to go through with it."

The Town Council is not sure exactly how much this system will cost them or where the money will come from, Pavao said. But he also said he thought there was a lot of support for it among students, and he hopes the vote will answer some questions about the students' feelings.

The Town Council most recently addressed the issue in a retreat held last Friday, Pavao said. The Town Council has known about the issue for about a year.

"Last year, the University proposed a fare-free system and the Town Council considered it, but there wasn't enough time to do anything about it," said Town Council member Kevin Foy.

Foy has acted as a liaison between the University and the towns, serving as a member of a joint task force that addresses local transit issues. "I've been talking to (Student Body President) Brad Mathews about it and (Associate

See FARE FREE, Page 2



House Speaker Jim Black, D-Mecklenburg, is sworn in Wednesday for his second term as speaker of the N.C. House of Representatives. Black was re-elected 117-0 on the opening day of the N.C. General Assembly.

Basnight, Black Retain Leadership

By LUCAS FENSKE
AND ALEX KAPLUN
State & National Editors

RALEIGH — State legislators decided Wednesday to stick with the status quo, re-electing Sen. Marc Basnight as Senate speaker pro tem and Rep. Jim Black as House speaker.

Both votes, on the opening day of the N.C. General Assembly, were unanimous — to the surprise of some political observers.

Black, D-Mecklenburg, faced several other candidates trying to lead the nearly split House — leading some to question if he could win.

A coalition formed in 1999 of Republicans and black Democrats, unhappy with the distri-

bution of power in the House, nearly defeated Black when he first ran for speaker.

But possible opponents, including Minority Leader Leo Daughtry, R-Johnston, backed down this year — leaving Black as the sole candidate.

Daughtry was the only other person nominated for the post but declined to run, citing the Republicans' minority presence in the House.

The Republicans hold 58 seats compared to the 62 in the Democratic column.

Black, in his victory speech, said he would work to build bipartisanship in the House. "We must learn to live together and share power."

Black said last week that he would offer to make some Republicans co-chairmen of committees — much like the power-sharing agree-

ment in the U.S. Senate — if he were re-elected.

Black also addressed the challenges facing the state legislature this session, including the \$486 million budget deficit, needed school improvements and redrawing district lines.

He admitted the tight budget would limit new programs. "Every office, department and agency must be ready to justify its budget," Black said.

He also said the legislature would examine a state lottery as a "partial solution" to the shortfall.

Gov. Mike Easley has declared his support for a lottery and said he would use the proceeds to fund education.

See LEGISLATURE, Page 2

CAA President, VP Withdraw From Election

Tee Pruitt decided not to pursue a third term as president of the Carolina Athletic Association for his last semester at UNC.

By KIM MINUGH
University Editor

Almost 24 hours after the student elections kickoff meeting, the confusion around the race for Carolina Athletic Association was just beginning to settle Wednesday.

The final list of candidates compiled by the Board of Elections late Tuesday night listed current CAA President Tee Pruitt and Vice President Bryan Hart in the running, although Hart officially withdrew from the race early Wednesday morning.

Pruitt, who said he considered running for a third term as CAA president after realizing he would have remaining credit hours to fill after May, slept on the issue before officially removing his name from the list of candidates Wednesday afternoon.

"I have decided not to pursue a third term as Carolina Athletic Association president," he said.

Pruitt said he entered the race after being approached by people who were deeply concerned with the future integrity of the CAA.

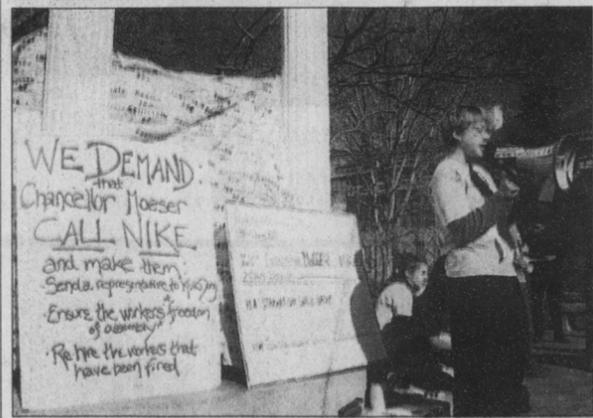
"These students and members of the University community held opinions regarding the CAA that I sincerely value," he said. "I have been very fortunate with the opportunities I've had to serve the student body in the last two years and feel that it is in my best personal interests to not pursue any additional terms."

Hart said he considered running for the CAA presidency after being encouraged by other people but withdrew his candidacy after realizing he was not totally committed to the race.

"I have a job now in CAA that I'm committed to," he said. "I didn't think it would be fair to people who would be supporting me to take this on knowing I wouldn't have been in this 110 percent."

"I'm really not into it at the level I think I would need to be." But more eyebrows were raised when CAA presidential can-

See CAA, Page 2



Students for Economic Justice member Mary Bratsch protests unfair labor practices at a Mexican Nike plant Wednesday at the Old Well.

SEJ Presses Moeser for Firmer Stance Against Mexico Factory

By DANIEL THIGPEN
Assistant University Editor

Although Chancellor James Moeser took action against unjust labor code violations last week, student activists are still not satisfied.

About 10 members of Students for Economic Justice and other students congregated at the Old Well on Wednesday to continue protesting unfair labor practices at the Kukdong International factory in Puebla, Mexico. The Nike manufacturer produces UNC garments.

Hundreds of employees at the Nike factory staged a workers' strike Jan. 9 after 20 workers allegedly were fired for complaining about poor food and low wages. The workers want the factory to recognize an independent union that they said they hoped will better represent their interests. This would replace the current one that was established during the previous Mexican government, a longstanding regime the people said they felt was more domineering.

Moeser sent a letter to Nike Corp. last week informing the company that UNC

was aware of supposed code violations at the factory and demanded that the workers' freedom to assemble be preserved.

But SEJ members feel this action is not sufficient.

The students, adorned in University apparel, gathered behind South Building, antagonizing Moeser with various chants blaring from a megaphone. "Chancellor Moeser — call Nike — send a representative to Kukdong — ensure the workers freedom of assembly — rehire the work-

See LABOR, Page 2

The very essence of leadership is that you have to have a vision.

Theodore Hesburgh