

# Carrboro Mulls Housing Needs

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CARRBORO - Residents who live in affordable housing units in Carrboro shared their repair needs with town officials in an effort to receive state funding.

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen held a public hearing Tuesday evening to receive comments on community housing needs from local residents.

But before the aldermen can move forward, they were required to have a public hearing for the annual N.C. Community Development Block Grant program.

The grant will be handed out only to residents in Carrboro who demonstrate the most need. Residents who want to apply for the grant must see James Harris, the director of Community and Economic Development.

Harris said the CDBG helps affordable housing residents fund certain house repairs because they are often very costly.

"The money from the grant aids in

the repairs of housing, water and sewer, gutters and streets," Harris said. "To repair one roof will cost at least (\$7,000 to \$8,000)."

Two Carrboro residents present at the public hearing expressed various concerns about their communities and homes. Catherine Johnson, of Carrboro, said the road in her neighborhood is "awful."

"Someone needs to come pave our street," Johnson said.

Harvey Reid of Carrboro said he has spent \$800 on plumbing in his 20-year-old home.

"Before I moved in, everything was reconditioned but the plumbing," he said. "We can't have someone washing clothes and taking a bath at the same time."

But Harris told the residents and the aldermen that this is only the first stage of the process. "The next step is to locate the concentrated site, then the application can be filed," Harris said. "The applicant must make a presentation before the board again, then afterwards

the application will be sent to the city and state level for review."

Alderman Jacquelyn Gist said it is too early in the process to tell how many people will apply for the grant and the total estimated amount it will cover.

"The number of people receiving the grant depends on the kind of project it is, whether it's an individual home or for a community," Gist said. "The amount for the grant will not be available for several months."

But Gist said if some residents do not get the CDBG there are other local housing organizations to consider.

"There are other organizations that fund housing needs such as Orange County Housing," she said.

Harris said Community and Economic Development's overall goal is to provide an equal opportunity for the grant.

"Our job is to make sure everyone has safe and decent housing."

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## Campus Calendar

Today

10 a.m. - Due to a national blood shortage, the Red Cross and Alpha Phi Omega will hold a blood drive in Union 211-212.

Please give blood now!  
12:30 p.m. - The Blacks in the Diaspora Lecture Series presents "Issues of Identity and Recognition" by artist Juan Logan.

The lecture and slide presentation will be held in Union 205-206.

3 p.m. - All students are invited to an open forum for a finalist for the new Student Activities Fund Office director.

Deborah Horne will be available to answer questions in Union 210.

7 p.m. - Campaign to End the Death Penalty will hold a general interest meeting in Union 226.

7:30 p.m. - Queer Network for Change will hold a general body meeting in Union 208-209.

Bring your friends to share in the games, food and prizes.

8:30 p.m. - Annual budget orientation sessions will be held in 304 Dey Hall.

Any student group interested in the annual budget must have a representa-

tive at one of the orientations.

Friday

noon - Take action to support striking workers in Mexico who make UNC products! All those interested should meet outside the Campus Y basement at noon or at South Building until 2 p.m. for a candle procession and march.

3 p.m. - All sophomores and juniors interested in learning more about the Class of '38 Summer Abroad Fellowship should attend the information session in Union 226.

The award allows students to pursue independent projects abroad for the 2001 summer.

7:30 p.m. - The Carolina Teaching Fellows Program will host a date auction featuring ladies, gentlemen and celebrities of the UNC campus in 100 Hamilton Hall.

Admission is \$3. Proceeds will benefit the N.C. Children's Hospital.

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## LEGISLATURE

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Black, noting strong legislative opposition to the lottery, said there still was a need to cut spending through better budget management.

But the race for Senate president pro tem was never in doubt, as Basnight, D-Dare, claimed his fifth straight term at the helm of the Senate.

Basnight was the only senator nomi-

nated for the post.

And while the Senate's opening did not receive as much attention as the House, it was more historic. For the first time in N.C. history a woman, Lt. Gov. Beverly Perdue, sat as Senate president.

In his opening address, Basnight preached the same ideas that have been a popular topic for other politicians - uniting North Carolina and providing educational opportunities for all children. "For North Carolina to be successful, the dreams we dream for all

people must be in reach of every citizen in this state," Basnight said.

He also touched on perhaps the biggest challenge facing the 144th N.C. General Assembly - the budget deficit.

"There is some budget tightening that will occur," Basnight said. "We will save money as we have never saved before, we will make the government more efficient than it has ever been before."

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## FARE FREE

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Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Carolyn Elfland," he said. "I've also been talking with Mayor Waldorf and members of the Town Council and (Alderman) Diana McDuffee and members of the Carrboro board."

Alderman Diana McDuffee said she wants to bring a resolution to the aldermen to support this issue. "If the students pass an increase in fees to cover the cost of providing bus service to stu-

dents fare-free, I think that the Carrboro board will support that," she said.

Mathews, a member of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Transit Task Force Committee, has been working to get the idea of fare-free busing on local leaders' agendas and has been in contact with members of both boards. He said he feels the students will support the increase to cover the costs. "I'm very hopeful (it will pass). I wouldn't propose it if I didn't think it was a possibility."

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## CAA

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didate Michael Songer was dismissed from the current CAA Cabinet less than an hour before the kickoff meeting.

Both Pruitt and Songer would not disclose the reasons for the dismissal, but Songer, who was serving as special projects co-ordinator, said the decision took him by surprise.

"I was completely shocked," he said. "I was in the process of working out a lot of exciting events for the Beat Dook Week."

Hart said the decision stemmed from internal conflicts within CAA.

"There were issues that needed to be dealt with - I just want to focus on the good things (Songer's) done," he said.

Songer said that he is disappointed he is not able to continue his work with the CAA. But he added that the decision has not altered his feelings concerning his candidacy for CAA president.

"It doesn't affect our campaign at all. We're going ahead and working on the same issues."

"It hasn't changed our focus." Amid the confusion, another student joined the ranks of candidates for CAA president.

Reid Chaney, a junior biology major, contacted Board of Elections Chairman Jeremy Tuchmayer on Wednesday afternoon about his intention to pursue the post.

Chaney said he wants to help students get what they want.

"I'm ready to get under way, get started, get my name out there and see how people respond."

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## LABOR

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ers who have been fired," they yelled. Because of the University's affiliation with the Nike factory, SEJ members transformed the Old Well into images of worker oppression.

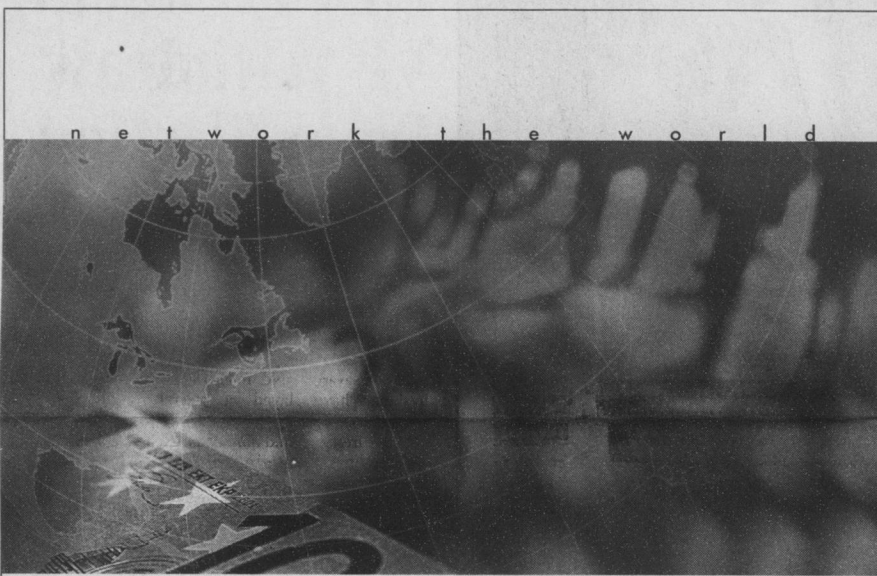
A mock check for 23 cents written out to Moeser was on wire fencing, attacking the factory's living wages and working conditions. UNC shirts were tied to the structure and labeled with high retail prices and low amounts of money paid to factory workers.

As students milled about the demonstration, SEJ members read a letter from anonymous Kukdong workers describing worker abuses that have supposedly occurred since Moeser's letter was sent.

SEJ members anticipated Moeser would come out of his office and approach them. "We hope Chancellor Moeser heard us," said junior SEJ member Durba Chattaraj. "We definitely hope he sees we appreciate his letter, but it's time to make the follow-up call (to Nike)."

Mary Bratsch, a junior SEJ member, said she is in full support of the group's continued efforts. "I don't think what we're asking is too radical," she said. "(Moeser) can go the next step."

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