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McKinney Wins BSM Endorsement for SBP



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Student body president candidates highlighted their platforms Wednesday during a forum hosted by the Black Student Movement.

BY LIZZIE BREYER
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Candidate Will McKinney received the Black Student Movement's endorsement for student body president Wednesday night in what is traditionally one of the largest and most influential forums of student elections season.

Six of the eight student body presidential candidates were present to give short opening statements and answer questions, many of which revolved around diversity and campus race relations, from BSM members.

Candidates Correy Campbell and Charlie Trakas did not attend the forum.

The candidates began with three-minute statements outlining highlights from their platforms and clarifying their stance on minority issues, although candidate Nathan Katzin chose to deliver

his opening statement as a song.

Candidate Fred Hashagen said he thinks the most important way to address the issue of diversity is to get all students involved, which he said he has done in the past as a BSM member and student leader.

"I've worked very hard throughout my career to work with people not just like me or different in some certain way but to bring this campus together," he said.

Candidate Bennett Mason displayed a slightly different approach, stressing overall inclusion rather than specific race-related goals.

"I think every candidate has something on their platform that impacts diversity, but I don't think any of us can realistically affect race relations within one year," Mason said. "What I would do is make one step at a time to represent the interests of all students, no particular group."

Candidate Brad Overcash said he thinks the most important way to help

minority students make progress on campus is to advocate for an overall strengthening of students' voices.

He said student power has been eroded on campus this year, citing the administration's response to student dissent over tuition increases and night parking permits as examples.

"The most important thing is the rebuilding of the student voice," Overcash said. "I have real plans on how we can get that back and how we can retain it."

Candidate Jen Daum said that although she has not been involved with BSM in the past, she hopes to work closely with the group on issues such as fighting tuition increases if she is elected.

"I'm pretty much as white as it gets, to be honest, but that doesn't mean I'm not fighting for the same goals," she said.

McKinney said he was particularly

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Bush Reiterates Themes In Winston-Salem Speech

BY LUCAS FENSKE
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WINSTON-SALEM — Only a day after his first State of the Union Address, President Bush emphasized Wednesday how community volunteers could fight terrorism and hate while addressing a packed crowd in Winston-Salem.

"At home you can fight evil with acts of goodness," Bush said, appearing on stage with dozens of police, firefighters and emergency medical personnel — all people Bush frequently points to as the epitome of community service.

About 6,000 people, some waving miniature American flags and others shaking red, white and blue pompons, crowded into the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum to hear Bush talk about his proposed public service program, the U.S.A. Freedom Corps.

The program, which Bush announced Tuesday night for the first time, is based on several public-service groups, including the newly created Citizen Corps and established public service groups like the Peace Corps or AmeriCorps.

Bush said he has three goals for the U.S.A. Freedom Corps: expand AmeriCorps by 200,000 volunteers, use volunteers to help a community prepare for or handle an emergency and encourage Peace Corps volunteers to "go into the Islamic world to spread the message of economic development."

"It sounds like I'm making a pitch — and I am," Bush said. "This is the right thing to do for America."

He also reiterated his Tuesday night request that Americans dedicate either two years or 4,000 hours to community service, pointing to volunteer firefighters as an example. "They understand that in order to make the community safe, they must stand up and ask, 'How can I help?'"

An energetic Bush peppered his speech with jokes ranging from following his mother's advice to mocking terrorists for thinking daytime television

reflected America — much to the audience's delight.

But the president, as in his State of the Union Address, only briefly addressed some of the issues, like the recession, that recently have clouded his term.

Bush briefly mentioned the nation's ailing economy, pointing to job creation and tax cuts as the cure. "Tax relief is an important way to battle recession," he said. "Those people who want to do away with tax relief don't know what they're talking about."

Although Bush called on corporate America to open its books for inspection, he again avoided mentioning the bankrupt Texas energy giant Enron, which was a major campaign donor for Bush and other Republicans.

When Enron collapsed and its stock value plummeted, thousands of workers lost their retirement funds. Enron executives allegedly sold their stock holdings weeks earlier while their value still was high.

Bush also discussed the war on terrorism, celebrating the end of Taliban rule in Afghanistan but mentioning that the war is not over.

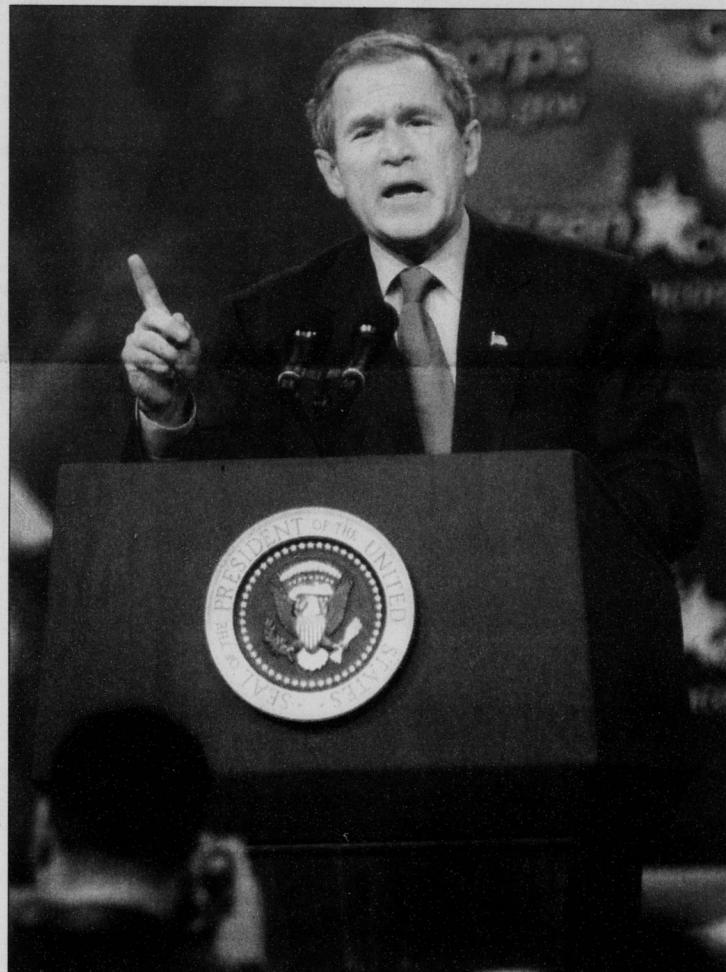
Bush again warned the governments of North Korea, Iran and Iraq — countries he called the "axis of evil" in his State of the Union Address — to halt any involvement with terrorism or programs developing weapons of mass destruction.

"You too are on our radar screen," he said. "Nations that feel they can harbor and support terrorists are just as guilty as the terrorists," he said. "Our mission is to make the world free from terror, and this mighty nation will not tarry and will not fail in our love for freedom."

But Bush, touring with Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge, reassured the audience that America will be protected from future attack.

"We'll do everything we can to secure the homeland," he said, pointing to his budget, which provides increased funding for bioterrorism vaccines and emergency planning. "My most important job is the security of America and Americans."

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President Bush speaks to a packed house of supporters in Winston-Salem on Wednesday as dozens of police and emergency service personnel stand by for security.

Developers Respond to Resolution

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An action made by the Chapel Hill Town Council on Monday that effectively will halt area development has some local developers and officials worried.

The Town Council unanimously approved the resolution, which calls for town officials to work on a new development ordinance during the time when new development projects would have been considered. As a result, new development has essentially been stopped until the ordinance is hammered out.

The ordinance is expected to be finished by early fall and would give the Town Council a guide for addressing land-use issues in the future.

Although Town Manager Cal Horton said he foresees no major long-term impact from the decision, some fear the

effects of pushing back construction jobs.

One problem opponents of the resolution said would occur is increased costs for developers who will have to delay building projects or change their plans to comply with the new ordinance. "It's going to create an unforeseen expense for applying for special-use permits," said Aaron Nelson, executive director of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce. "People are unsure of what rules will apply to them when their projects come up."

But Nelson said his main concern was that the town could be taking an anti-development stance. "The big concern is as our community grows, it's entirely possible the town can tell people they don't want development here," he said.

One renovation Nelson said would be affected was the addition of a new movie theater to Plaza Triple Theatres. Architect

Richard Gurlitz expected to renovate the theater, which is located in the Village Plaza. Gurlitz said he did not know exactly how the renovations would be affected but that he would probably end up having to pay more. "All these projects have paid substantial fees to go into the process, and I would expect that there would be money matters involved," he said.

Meadowmont developer Roger Perry, of East West Partners, said a special-use permit for the development's proposed hilltop condos most likely will not be affected by the council's resolution because the planning board has already approved the project.

The project is one of six the Town Council will allow to go forward because it has made it through the planning board stage.

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Campaign Finance Referendum Likely

BY MEREDITH NICHOLSON
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An alliance of student political organizations presented student government with a petition Wednesday to place a referendum calling for "meaningful campaign finance reform" on the Feb. 12 student body elections ballot.

The UNC Common Cause/Democracy Matters Student Alliance for Campaign Finance Reform is composed of members from organizations including UNC Young Democrats, Student Environmental Action Coalition and Students United for a Responsible Global Environment.

The petition, which contained more than 2,750 student signatures, was presented to Student Body Vice President Rudy Kleysteuber at a press conference on Polk Place.

Kleysteuber said it will take a few days to verify all the signatures before the petition is sent to Student Body President Justin Young, who issues the executive order to put the referendum on the ballot.

If a majority of students vote to support the referendum Feb. 12 the statement will be sent to the N.C. General Assembly to encourage reforms of future state legislative candidate campaigns.

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UNC-Duke Rivalry In Limbo

Duke's recent domination has raised questions about the significance of the Tobacco Road tug of war.

BY RACHEL CARTER
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Trust a guy from Duke to come up with this:

"It's kind of like when you learn physics — when you teach you Newtonian physics. And then you get to the quantum level, and then all those rules cease to apply. And I think it's the same kind of thing," said Duke men's basketball player Matt Christensen.

If Dr. Christensen's theory of rivalry physics holds up, then North Carolina has nothing to fear when the Tar Heels take on top-ranked Duke at the Smith Center today at 9 p.m.

The Tar Heels (6-11, 2-5 in the ACC) are having a historically bad season, while the defending-national champion Blue Devils (18-1, 6-1) seem to be cruising along to Atlanta and the Final Four.

And although on paper it seems like the Tar Heels are destined for their worst loss in Smith Center history (that's 22 points to Wake Forest on Jan. 5), the Blue Devils are being careful not to say anything that would indicate a lack of respect for their closest rival.

"We're taking this game very seriously because we believe this is still the best rivalry in college basketball," said sophomore guard Chris Duhon. "We kind of feel like they're in a situation that we were in last year when we played at Carolina, where we had nothing to lose. And they're going to be able to do whatever they want and just play."

The "nothing to lose" concept was repeated by Mike Dunleavy. Looking at the records, the idea seems valid. And while the struggling Tar Heels aren't expected to win, the Blue Devils have more to lose than just a game.

They're jockeying with Maryland for the top spot in the ACC, and while it's only January, Duke needs to keep its losses at a minimum if it wants the No. 1 seed in the East again.

For the Tar Heels, they're in seventh place in the conference with a 7-13, 0-7 Georgia Tech squad on the horizon for Saturday. UNC's 31 straight years of 20-win seasons are out the door. That streak of 27 consecutive NCAA bids is gone, too, barring a miraculous ACC Tournament title.

"That (nothing to lose idea) can play in our favor a little bit," said sophomore point guard Adam Boone. "It's a lot easier saying that. I've said that sometimes looking at other games, but when you're in it, you feel like you have a lot to lose, simply because you don't want to lose."

Although the Blue Devils have been careful to show their respect for the Tar Heels, the university's student body hasn't. Duke's student body president and its head line monitor sent an e-mail to the students asking them not to burn the benches in front of the residence halls this year, a tradition that follows an important win.

"They asked us not to waste them on UNC," said Duke sophomore Erin Harper, a Chinese and political science major from Texas.

And students on the other side seem to think the Tar Heels have a lost cause.

Junior Molly Benner, a journalism major from Silver Springs, Md., said she can't give away her tickets. She also said that while she can't make it to the game, she won't be helping a Blue Devil get into the Smith Center.

"I think all the empty Tar Heel seats will be full of Duke blue, which is why people shouldn't give their tickets

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What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog.

Dwight D. Eisenhower