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Council to Debate Development Requests

The Town Council will consider approving further work on the Paul J. Rizzo Conference Center despite a halt on area growth.

By COLIN SUTKER
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The Chapel Hill Town Council will discuss tonight whether to allow select buildings to continue construction while council members finish a new development ordinance.

On Jan. 28, the council approved a resolution halting area development until officials create a new development ordinance that will

provide building regulations. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Chapel Hill Town Hall.

Certain projects, including the Paul J. Rizzo Conference Center, which is owned and operated by the Kenan-Flagler Business School, have been allowed to have their plans reviewed by the council for approval despite the virtual moratorium on development.

The center, which hosts business school functions, is located in Meadowmont, a mixed-use community located off N.C. 54.

But Town Council member Edith Wiggins said it is the council's wish to hold new developments until the new ordinances are finalized. "If you believe that these projects should be built under new ordinances of development, we should get them to conform to them," she said.

Bruce Runberg, UNC's associate vice chancellor for facilities planning, who is managing the Rizzo Conference Center's request to proceed with two additions, hopes the board will grant a special permit to build. "We originally approved years back for the basic project and then for these additions," Runberg said.

In addition to special-permit hearings, the council is expected to discuss budget cuts after Gov. Mike Easley withheld more than \$1 million in funds last week. Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy said the council must find ways to eliminate \$1.04 million dollars in services to avoid running a deficit, which by law the town is not allowed to do.

Council member Mark Kleinschmidt said the town's budget is in a precarious situation.

"It's the worst-case scenario, and it's affecting our budget planning because we're going to be focusing on the immediate problem," he said.

The crisis has council members weighing the option of raising taxes for the next fiscal year. "It is interesting that the mayor has already told us that we'd have to raise taxes to provide the same level of services for next year," Kleinschmidt said. "It may be such that it needs to happen."

Council member Flicka Bateman said she is pessimistic that the town will be able to continue providing the same services, given the budget. "I think at this point, something is certainly going to give."

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Spending Figures Show High Costs Of Mayoral Race

Last year's mayoral election set a record for spending in Chapel Hill despite a 1999 Town Council limitation on campaign finance.

By KATIE DAVIS
Staff Writer

Now that the dust has settled after last year's elections in Chapel Hill's political arena, figures from the mayoral race show that campaign spending have soared, making this race the most expensive one to date.

Last year's Chapel Hill mayoral race brought up new issues, such as the right way to deal with campaign spending and the introduction of a spending cap that would limit the amount of money donated to each candidate.

Mayoral candidates Lee Pavao and Kevin Foy spent more than \$50,000 combined. Foy, who won the election, spent \$25,700 on his campaign, and runner-up Pavao spent a total of \$25,298.44. Candidate Cam Hill, who dropped out of the race days prior to the election, did not have figures available.

In 1999, the Chapel Hill Town Council imposed a limitation on candidates, allowing a maximum donation of \$200 per supporter.

Last year's election was the most expensive to date in Chapel Hill, but both candidates say the money spent on their campaigns was necessary. "Campaigning is an education process, and you have to use a combination of effort," Foy said. "Unfortunately, all of these things cost a lot of money."

Pavao said he agrees and that the only problem with informing the public is the hefty price tag attached. "(Advertising) is the only way to inform the public, and you have to pay to inform the public," he said.

Some believe the high costs in last year's race will grow higher as more and more candidates run for office.

"Obviously, this year they spent a lot more than I had to spend. ... Stakes are higher now than they were," said former Chapel Hill Mayor Jonathan Howes. "This could be the beginning of rapid escalation into higher and higher spending."

Howes said local politicians are looking for a way to keep the amount spent on elections in line with the size of Chapel Hill government. "Big-time political parties destroy a small-town feel."

Town Council member Mark Kleinschmidt said he tried to keep money from becoming an issue in his campaign. His supporters limited contributions to \$100 per person. "It's best that large sums of money stay out of (Chapel Hill politics)," he said.

Most candidates agree spending caps should be self-imposed and agreed upon by all candidates. The Town Council encounters problems regulating campaigns more than it already does because of First Amendment issues. "I'm not a big fan of making rules; they tend to limit political speech," Pavao said.

But campaign spending remains a problem that most politicians and candidates in Chapel Hill are attempting to address.

Pavao said, "Is campaign spending a problem? Yes, but someone is going to have to figure out how to solve it - correctly and honestly."

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Candidates Organize Last Publicity Push

By MEREDITH NICHOLSON
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Most student body president candidates said they spent the weekend coordinating plans for the final push in the days before the election.

Candidates used their last available weekend to organize their final campaign efforts.

The general election will be held Tuesday, with online voting available throughout the day.

Candidate Brad Overcash said he spent the weekend socializing and reminding people to vote.

Overcash said he plans to get up early Monday and Tuesday and go to South Campus to greet students on their way to morning classes.

"Wherever the people are, that's where I'll be," Overcash said. "I think we have enough supporters. We just need to get that support to the computer."

Write-in candidate Charlie Trakas said he has been trying to keep things as normal as possible.

Trakas said he went to a party Saturday night, plans to spend Monday and Tuesday studying for tests and that he does not expect to make any special campaign-related changes.

"I plan to have lunch out, which is different for me, because I normally eat lunch in," Trakas said.

Write-in candidate Correy Campbell

said he is planning to continue focusing on obtaining name recognition.

Campbell said he plans to eat in Lenoir Dining Hall and talk to students in the library Monday and Tuesday.

"I'm just going to go out and meet people - make myself seen," he said. "I'll put up a few more posters and try to get my name out there."

Candidate Fred Hashagen said his campaign staff made signs and fliers during the weekend. He also spoke to a number of groups, asking for their support on Election Day.

Hashagen said he would continue going door to door and talking to students in the Pit and at Lenoir Dining Hall. "We are just going to try to be everywhere," Hashagen said. "I'm going to shake a lot of hands and wear a big smile."

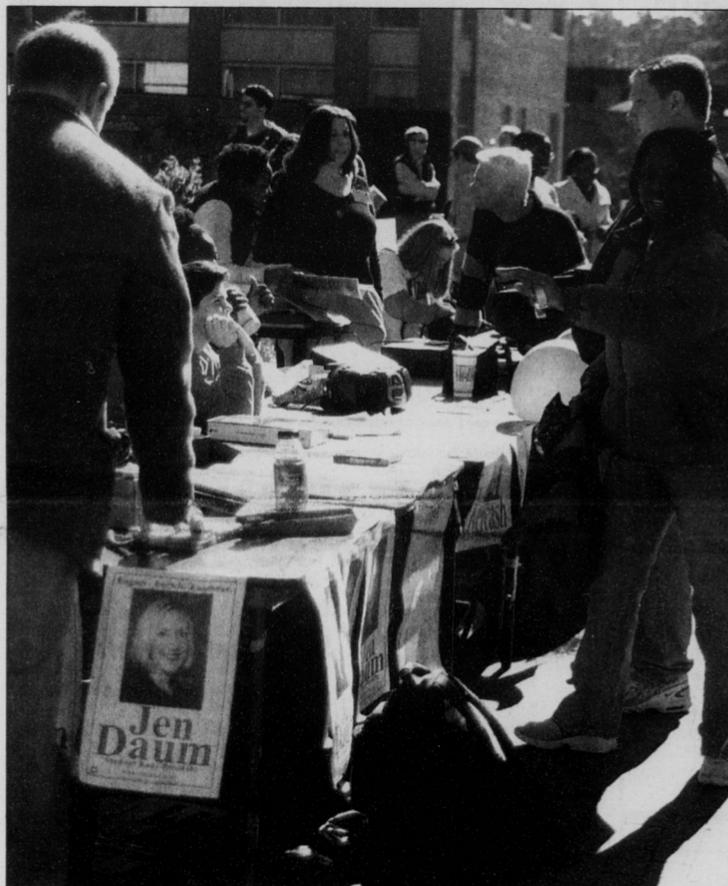
Candidate Jen Daum said she spent her weekend coordinating her final efforts and making sure there were no holes in her plans for Tuesday.

Daum said she is looking forward to going door to door Sunday evening on South Campus.

"We've been so busy with forums and other scheduled events that I haven't had a chance to go door to door," she said.

Candidate Will McKinney said he spent the weekend calling students, making posters and releasing a new video on his Web site.

He said his campaign would tie up
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DTH BRIAN CASSELLA

Student body president campaign workers fight for the attention of student voters Friday in the Pit. The three-week campaigning process culminates in Tuesday's election.

BOG Meets to Discuss Tuition, Budget Cuts

By ALEX KAPLUN
State & National Editor

At its monthly meeting, the UNC-system Board of Governors discussed two issues Friday that have been at the forefront of the board's agenda for several months: tuition increases and budget cuts.

Last week Gov. Mike Easley announced that the state's budget shortfall is expected to reach \$900 million by June 31, the end of the 2001-02 fiscal year.

To help fill the fiscal hole, Easley ordered the UNC system to revert about \$21.1 million in funding - \$5 million from UNC-Chapel Hill.

The newly announced budget cuts come on the heels of a \$43 million budget reversion the UNC system made in November, when it first became apparent that state revenue would not meet earlier projections.

The UNC system also will lose \$51.5 million in repair and renovation funding, bringing the UNC system's total budget cuts to more than \$115 million for the 2001-02 fiscal year.

UNC-system President Molly Broad said that while the budget cuts will be

difficult for UNC-system schools to absorb, individual campus administrators will work to ensure that there is little impact on classroom activity.

"Despite the hardships ... we remain resolutely determined to serve students already enrolled on our campuses and the thousands that are coming here next fall," Broad said.

She also said that despite the recent rounds of budget cuts, the UNC system's top priority for the 2002 legislative session will remain the acquisition of \$70 million in funding for enrollment growth.

"(The budget cuts) haven't changed at all - that it is our highest priority," Broad said.

The board members also agreed to set another meeting date for the Budget and Finance Committee to discuss tuition within the UNC system. The meeting will be held Feb. 19 in Winston-Salem.

In other board action, the BOG approved a provision that allows individual campuses to shorten each academic semester by about a week.

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SBP Candidates Give STV 'Feedback'

The tables turned Sunday as candidates posed questions to each other on a special edition of "Feedback Live."

By BROOK CORWIN
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After two weeks of answering inquiries posed by forum moderators, candidates for student body president had the opportunity to field questions from each other in a light-hearted setting Sunday afternoon.

During the taping of a special Sunday edition of "Feedback Live," a weekly live program on Student Television, candidates took turns posing campaign-related questions to each other.

Write-in candidates Correy Campbell and Charlie Trakas were not in attendance.

The question-and-answer portion of the program was preceded by a quiz bowl-style competition, where each candidate was randomly asked University-related questions that ranged from the name of the women's soccer coach to the job responsibilities of the provost.

The candidates also answered ques-

tions posed by the program's co-hosts, Chris McClure and Amanda Harrell.

Candidate Bennett Mason, when asked to elaborate on the advantages of being the only candidate who was a member of a Greek organization, said he has a better sense of the positive activities of the Greek community and could better convey them to the University community.

"Unfortunately, there is a huge stereotype of all Greeks," Mason said. "Being a part of that system, you can understand what's really going on and work to change that perspective."

Candidate Jen Daum also talked about improving relations between the University and the Greek community, citing specifics of her platform as examples.

"Greek relations are a big problem on this campus, which is why I plan to put a student government representative on the chancellor's Greek Advisory Board," Daum said.

When asked about his stance on progressive energy reform, write-in candidate Nathan Katzin said he would use the position of student body president to focus entirely on this one issue. He said he would delegate the work on all other campus issues, such as tuition and parking, to his Cabinet members.

Katzin said the University could



DTH GREG LOGAN

Student body president candidates answer their opponents' questions in a Student Television forum and quiz bowl Sunday afternoon.

make a national impact on energy reform by drawing attention to the issue. "Universities have historically raised awareness on critical issues," Katzin said. "We're the ones the cameras are focused on."

Candidate Brad Overcash, who was asked to reflect on the high and low points of his campaign, cited the STV quiz bowl as his least favorite campaign moment. He said his favorite moment

came from a campaign endorsement received Thursday night.

"The best thing so far was getting the call that told me I had received the endorsement from the Carolina Hispanic Association," Overcash said.

Candidate Fred Hashagen, after being asked what part of his platform he is most proud of, said he is especially interested

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I've got two reasons for success, and I'm standing on both of them.

Betty Grable