

N.C. Mayors Establish 2 Budget Task Forces

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The N.C. Metropolitan Coalition, a lobbying group for the state's municipalities, set up two task forces Thursday in an effort to protect municipal budgets from the state's financial shortfall.

North Carolina already is facing a budget deficit of almost \$900 million for the 2001-02 fiscal year.

Gov. Mike Easley announced Feb. 5 that he was seizing \$209 million from a revenue-sharing program with N.C. municipalities to offset part of the shortfall — an action that prompted mayors statewide to take action.

Durham Mayor Bill Bell and Winston-Salem Mayor Allen Joines were named co-chairmen of one of the task forces, which will explore alternative sources of funding for the state. Carrboro Mayor Pro Tem Alex Zaffron also was named to the task force.

Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy, Raleigh Mayor Charles Meeker and Greensboro Mayor Keith Holliday are members of a second task force working to create proposals to prevent future cuts.

Chapel Hill stands to lose \$1.04 million and Carrboro \$299,284 in funding because of Easley's actions.

In a meeting with municipal leaders Wednesday, Easley said he would return the money if and when the state's finances allow.

But most mayors say the state should return the money despite state budget problems because local areas have their own budget woes. "We take care of our own financial problems," Foy said. "The

state needs to take care of their own."

Foy said he understands the state is facing a difficult situation, but he disagreed with Easley's decision to take the funds from the revenue-sharing program without warning. "This kind of action has left the cities in a position where we are unable to plan for the cut," he said.

Foy said the N.C. Metropolitan Coalition also wants to give local governments more control over their finances.

He added that it might be difficult to persuade state legislators to delegate control because they would have to give up part of their authority over taxation.

Carrboro Mayor Mike Nelson also said he disagreed with Easley's actions.

Nelson said the N.C. mayors hope to get back \$114 million of the \$209 million. Easley has already impounded \$95 million but is withholding the remainder.

The \$114 million comes mainly from taxes that telephone, power and gas utilities pay for using public rights of way.

Nelson said the franchise tax systems were set up by municipalities, so local governments should receive the benefits.

Though members of the coalition were angered by the governor's sudden movement, Foy said Easley has expressed his willingness to examine alternative sources of funding. "We'll have to wait and see if he takes any actions," Foy said.

But Nelson said he does not think all the blame for the state's financial situation should be directed at Easley. "He is in a very awful predicament," he said. "He's inherited a mess and has to clean it up."

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Department of Public Safety, said the administration already conducts walks to examine campus safety issues.

Porch said the DPS plans to continue

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Rouhanifard said he thinks a negative spin has been put on his campaign and that he is upset that a misrepresentation has been conveyed to voters. "I was disappointed because we've had good relations with all the other candidates," he said. "It's been a pretty clean-cut campaign so far."

Margolis said the Student Code was written in a manner so student elections

PLATFORMS

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Marcus Williams, a candidate in the 1974 student body president race, called for the institution of a women's studies program and urged the administration to implement affirmative action.

Securing a living wage for campus housekeepers also has been a tenet of most student body president candidates' platforms since 1992.

Ultimately, appealing to a variety of students with their platforms is a constant goal of student body president candidates, Conner said.

"Candidates try to hit buttons with as many voters as possible," Conner said. "Candidates that do well have ... 25 bullet points (on their platforms) because they're more likely to attract a variety of people."

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conducting safety walks. But he said McKinney's schedule is excessive. "I don't know if it needs to be done monthly."

■ **Work with UNC administration to set long-term goals on tuition, including a tuition guarantee.**

Shelton said the establishment of a tuition guarantee is desirable but difficult.

He said the division of control over tuition issues among the campus, UNC-system and state legislators complicates the prospect of arriving at a long-term goal.

■ **Get student government out into the University.**

Young said holding student government office hours around campus, as

McKinney has proposed, is only a first step in making student government a presence in students' lives. "It's one thing to go (out of the office)," he said. "It's another thing to engage students."

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could be carried out in an ultimately positive way, and she said Akintola and McIntosh's recent campaign push cast a negative light on Rouhanifard and Albright's slogan.

But McIntosh, who designed the fliers, said the purpose of the fliers was more last-minute publicity before Tuesday's runoff election than political mudslinging. "I did not have the intention for a malicious harming of these guys," McIntosh said. "I felt I needed to inform everyone who was voting what distinguishes us."

The second violation arose after Akintola and McIntosh's fliers were found covering other candidates' campaign posters in various academic buildings. Akintola and McIntosh contend the fliers were placed appropriately throughout campus and that the fliers were moved without their consent. McIntosh said he is doing everything in his power to make sure all the fliers are removed by today.

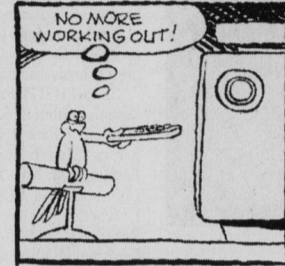
Margolis said Akintola told her Sunday that about 150 fliers were printed out before they were posted. But when

Margolis later discovered that more than 800 were produced, Margolis said the board fined Akintola and McIntosh for the second violation. "After that was proved, all defenses were placed at face value."

Brian Fauver, elections board vice chairman, said a financial audit was called for Akintola and McIntosh's campaign because they were unable to account for the amount of fliers they produced.

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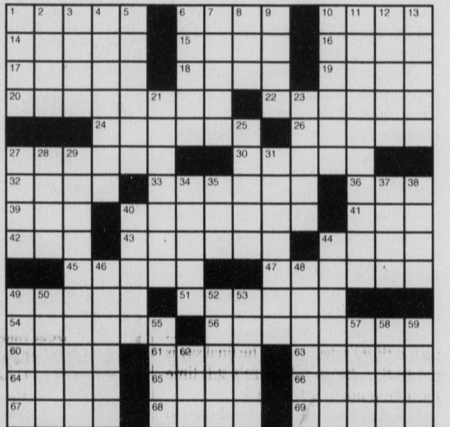


THE Daily Crossword

By Robert H. Wolfe

- ACROSS**
- 1 Garbage
 - 6 Coagulate
 - 10 Man alone
 - 14 Allstate alternative
 - 15 Nimbus
 - 16 Statuesque
 - 17 Man of La Mancha
 - 18 Afghanistan's neighbor
 - 19 "Clan of the Cave Bear" protagonist?
 - 20 Late president?
 - 22 Some roof ends
 - 24 Purplish red
 - 26 Surfjets
 - 27 Trip in the bush
 - 30 Fall bloomer
 - 32 Orange part
 - 33 Cheap cigar
 - 36 Came across
 - 39 O.J.'s judge
 - 40 Presage
 - 41 "Maria"
 - 42 Also
 - 43 "Peer Gynt" dancer
 - 44 Inking
 - 45 Practice recycling
 - 47 Skin creams
 - 49 Greek cheeses
 - 51 Shortage
 - 54 Paris palace
- DOWN**
- 1 Soviet news agcy.
 - 2 Film pool
 - 3 Periodic table info.
 - 4 Cover for a high peak
 - 5 Valerie or Tess
 - 6 Red pepper
 - 7 Old World songbirds
 - 8 Pay attachment?
 - 9 Chinese secret society
 - 10 Well-grounded
 - 11 Fit for a president?
 - 12 Backstreet
 - 13 See-through material
 - 21 Prayers

- 23 Played a part
- 25 More than willing
- 27 Rotisserie need
- 28 Suggestive beginning?
- 29 President who finishes bathrooms?
- 31 Old Blue Eyes
- 34 Attempted
- 35 Ex-Giant Mel
- 37 At any time
- 38 Pekoe and oolong
- 40 Suspend temporarily
- 44 Live in
- 46 Singer Sheena
- 48 Different ones
- 49 Reeking
- 50 Slur over
- 52 "___ Days a Week"
- 53 Bogota setting
- 55 Abba of Israel
- 57 Hindu discipline
- 58 North Carolina college
- 59 Letter openers
- 62 Bar rocks



CAMPAIGNS

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allowed in women's residence halls, but we scheduled candidate nights for coeds."

Although some University regulations have relaxed, elections restrictions have grown since Powell's presidency.

Emily Margolis, Board of Elections chairwoman, said the increase in election regulations is aimed at preventing candidates from infringing on students' rights. "The goal now is to continue to protect people's privacy," she said.

Though elections have not always

been regulated by student government, they have never lacked structure. Prior to 1970, two campus parties — the University Party and the Student Party — determined slates of candidates and provided campaigning support.

"The party organization's main function was to promote its candidate," said John Sanders, 1950-51 student body president. "In addition to supporters, they provided most of the manpower a candidate could gather."

Conner said the role of campaign workers has focused less on pounding the pavement with recent changes.

"With current technology, you have a different method of people manage-

ment," he said. "You still need lots of people, but they can help from their dorm or apartment."

Though campaigning strategies have been shaped by changes in technology and election procedures, former candidates agree that personal contact is still key to winning elections.

"There is no substitute for individual person-to-person contact," Conner said. "Whether it's Instant Messaging someone a link to Student Central or pointing your hand to a polling site, you can't beat human interaction."

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Thu., Feb. 21 5:30-7:00 Commons Room/Johnston Ctr. for Undergraduate Excellence

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Tue., Feb. 19 4:00 210 Union

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Mon., Feb. 18 5:00-7:30 212 Union

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