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"The one thing you don't do is negative advertising in Orange County. No other county is set against it philosophically."

ELLIE KINNAIRD



"I think people are growing tired (of negative campaigns). They want to see what the candidate stands for."

HOWARD LEE

Ad Intensifies Local Senate Race

BY JENNIFER SAMUELS
Assistant State & National Editor

Despite efforts from both camps to stick to the issues, the race between veteran N.C. Sens. Ellie Kinnaird and Howard Lee, both D-Orange, is turning aggressive in the last few days before the Sept. 10 Democratic primary.

But experts say Orange County voters are likely to look past mudslinging and support candidates based on their stances on issues.

The shift in the race's dynamic peaked on

Thursday, when many residents received a flier that uses Lee's legislative record to attack his campaign promises. The ad also accuses Lee of lying in campaign materials: "How can you tell when Howard Lee is not telling the truth? He sends you a letter."

The ad was attributed to "the working families" of the State Employees Association of North Carolina, though Lee said it is unknown who exactly is responsible for the ad.

At a press conference Thursday afternoon, Lee said the ad is the result of an outside group and does not reflect the efforts of the two candidates to keep their campaigns issue-based. He denounced it as sleazy and criticized it for attacking his character

and integrity. "To this point Senator Kinnaird and I tried hard to run a clean and issue oriented campaign," he said. "(The ad) is anonymous and doesn't represent the hard-working bulk of the state."

Though SEANC has shown support for Kinnaird, including in an ad that ran in Thursday's Daily Tar Heel, she stated in a press release that it upset her that the ad might be mistakenly identified with her campaign.

"I do not know who paid for the ad. I had no knowledge of the ad, and my campaign was not responsible for it," the press release stated. "From the beginning of this election, I have told everyone in my campaign that I will not engage in negative

advertising or endorse such ads in any way."

In an interview, Kinnaird said the decision to create the flier violates her standards.

Several ads released this week by Lee's campaign also reflect the increasingly aggressive nature of the campaign. The ads, which do not mention Kinnaird by name, highlight several issues both senators agree on but state that only Lee has the political clout to affect change.

Lee defended the ads Thursday as being issue-oriented.

But Kinnaird said Lee's campaign has misrep-

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Lennon's Art Comes To Triangle

The pieces at the Sheraton are largely reproductions

BY BROOK CORWIN
Staff Writer

Thousands of pieces of John Lennon's artwork — some originals and some reproductions — arrived in Chapel Hill on Thursday, more than 20 years after the artist's death.

From 5 p.m. Friday until 6 p.m. Sunday, more than 100 individual pieces of artwork by the famous singer and musician will be on display at the The Sheraton Chapel Hill Hotel.

All the artwork comes from the estate of Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono, and is distributed through Ono's Bag One Arts Inc. The exhibit includes some original drawings and lithographs produced and signed by Lennon himself before his death in 1980.

There is no admission fee at the exhibit, although there is a suggested \$2 donation to go to Children's Surgery International.

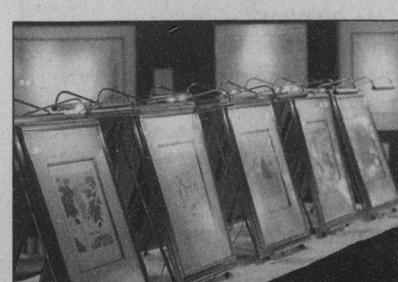
But the majority of the exhibit consists of posthumous reproductions of Lennon's artwork, with 300 copies of each print created and sold to the public, said Lynne Clifford, director of Bag One Arts.

The reproductions come in the form of etchings, lithographs and serigraphs created from original Lennon drawings. Some of the reproductions are original Lennon drawings with color added after his death by Ono.

Larry Schwartz, the director of the traveling exhibit, said the reproductions, when combined with the original works, will give Lennon's fans the chance to appreciate his nonmusical work.

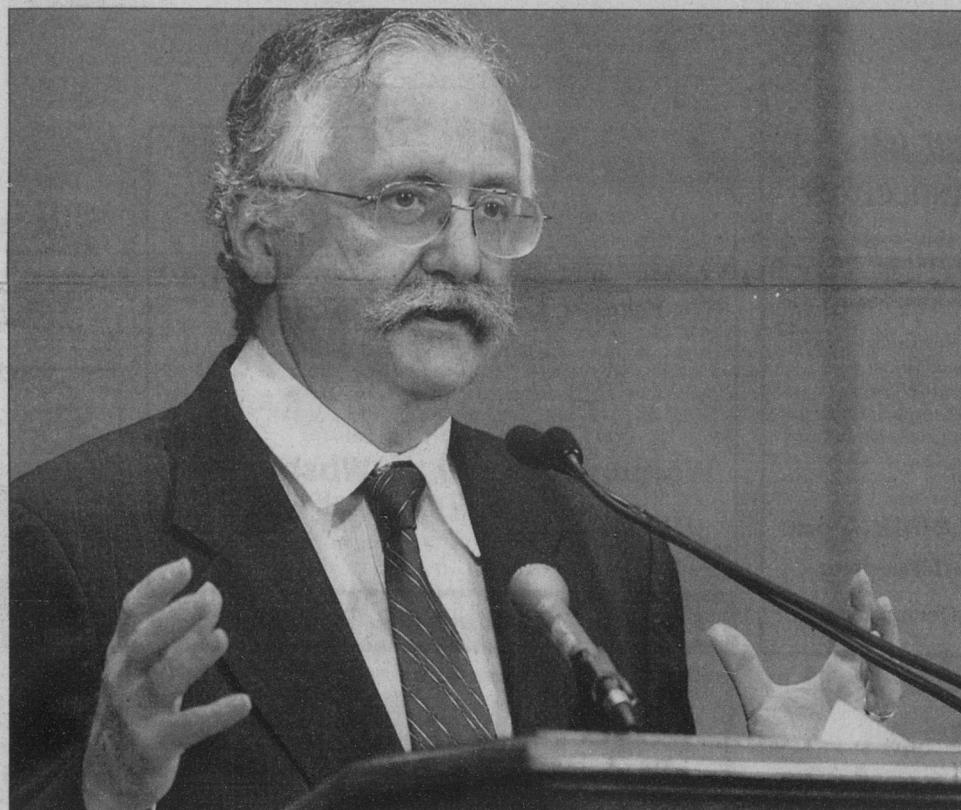
"When John died, Yoko made a pledge that the world would know him as an artist," Schwartz said.

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Some of John Lennon's artwork will be displayed in Chapel Hill this weekend.

THE MAN BEHIND THE BOOK



DTH/JOSHUA GREER

Michael Sells speaks at Hill Hall on Thursday night. Students, faculty and community members came to hear Sells talk about his book, "Approaching the Qur'an" and the controversy that has surrounded it.

Summer Reading Author Defends Work, UNC's Decision

Says all religions are complex and Islam has been misunderstood

BY JEFF SILVER
Assistant University Editor

Michael Sells, author of the book that has been the center of a nationwide debate, spoke Thursday about Islam and its role in acts of religious violence.

Sells told a packed house at Hill Hall Auditorium that his book, "Approaching the Qur'an: The Early Revelations," and the religion of Islam in general have been misunderstood by critics of UNC's summer reading selection.

He commended University administrators and faculty, many of whom were in attendance Thursday, for having the courage to choose his book for the summer reading program, which required all incoming students to read and discuss Sells' book.

"Sometimes if you make the right decision for the right reason, that decision can provide a great public service."

Sells said too much of the thinking about Islam since the Sept. 11 attacks has focused on parts of the religion

associated with Osama bin Laden and the Taliban.

"Almost all the discussion since 9/11 ... has focused on Islamic extremists, jihad, war and violence," he said.

Sells said UNC's assignment should begin shifting some of this focus to the religion's broader message. "I think it was vital for someone to say in a way that was effective, 'Is there more to Islam than jihad?'"

Most of the people who opposed the assignment have not read his book, Sells said, mentioning some national commentators who called his book deceptive about the religion and ignorant of the damage inflicted by the religion's followers.

The professor of religion at Haverford College in Pennsylvania also answered the charge some have made that the University's assignment was a public endorsement of religion.

He said the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that there is

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UNC freshmen were asked to read *Approaching the Qur'an* during the summer.

Budget Vote Could Be Near

Democrats might put lottery in bill

The Associated Press

RALEIGH — House and Senate leaders are considering rolling a lottery proposal into a compromise budget plan in a potentially risky strategy that some lawmakers say will cost the spending bill votes.

The strategy was discussed Thursday in closed-door meetings by budget negotiators trying to work out a deal on a \$14 billion spending plan.

The negotiations have been going on since mid-August, when the House approved its version of a budget plan. The Senate approved a spending bill in July.

Legislative leaders had apparently reached tentative deals on some revenue proposals, prompting House Speaker Jim Black, D-Mecklenburg, to predict that a final budget could come to a vote as early as late next week.

"We are running out of time. It's just time to get the work done," Black said.

He and Senate Pro Tem Marc Basnight, D-Dare, agreed a provision allowing an advisory referendum on a lottery could be a part of a final budget.

"I want it to pass. It's such a big

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Water Emergency Declared

BY JON DOUGHERTY
City Editor

After 2 1/2 hours of debate, the OWASA board of directors endorsed Executive Director Ed Kerwin's recommendation Thursday that a water supply emergency be declared for the service area.

The board received a presentation on the state of the water supply and OWASA's staff's predictions for the supply in the coming months. Following water usage trends, OWASA's reservoirs would run dry in mid-January if no precipitation falls between now and then.

The board chose to apply Emergency Level One restrictions with the goal of reducing overall water consumption by 25 percent.

Despite last week's rain, the utility's reservoirs are only 41 percent full. Kerwin said further conservation measures could not wait any longer.

"This is now an emergency," he said. "I recommend we move to Emergency Level One."

The guidelines for Emergency Level One were established in town and county ordinances this spring following collaboration between OWASA and Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Orange County governments. Emergency Level One is the third in a series of water conservation stages.

The main restriction makes the use of water outdoors illegal except for fire-fighting purposes.

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I understand the rules of war in politics. No one has practiced them more.

Huey P. Long