

Mayoral race gets new face Medical schools see rise in student specializations

Carrboro race had been uncontested

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A Carrboro citizen entered the town's previously uncontested mayoral race as a write-in candidate Friday.

Jeff Vanke, 33, professor of history at Guilford College in Greensboro, said he decided to go forward with his plan to challenge Mayor Mike Nelson after cutting his work hours to spend more time at home.

Vanke lives in Carrboro with his wife and 1-year-old son.

This is Vanke's first run for public office, although he has served in various leadership positions.

Missing the Aug. 1 filing deadline throws a bit of a wrench into his campaign, Vanke acknowledged, but he said his growing support base and the political awareness of Carrboro residents give him confidence.

"Carrboro is small, and the people are very well-educated, not just

those at the University," he said.

"I think it can be done."

Vanke said the public controversy about a piece of art displayed in Carrboro's Town Hall served as an impetus for his decision to run.

A public outcry rose this summer when a painting of a U.S. flag with its stars arranged in the shape of a swastika — a piece created to protest a proposed constitutional amendment prohibiting flag burning — was included in a Town Hall display.

Some citizens asked the mayor to step down after he removed the piece from the public eye, only to mount it above his desk in his office.

Nelson, who is running for his fifth term, said he supports the entrance of additional candidates.

"It's a democracy, and I respect anybody's right to throw their name into the ring," Nelson said.

"I hope he focuses on the people of Carrboro and sets his personal

grievances aside."

Vanke said he decided to run because he hopes to replace a mayor he said has been unresponsive to the desires of the people of Carrboro.

In his press release, Vanke said: "Many Carrboro residents have seen increased inconveniences while being subjected to tax increases, and they have suffered increasingly nonresponsive, divisive and aggressive behavior by their mayor on a broad range of issues. Carrboro deserves better leadership."

As examples of the mayor's unresponsiveness, Vanke pointed to the Board of Aldermen's approval of two mixed-use developments, Winmore and Pacifica, after citizens extensively criticized the projects in public hearings.

"It seemed as if the mayor had made up his mind," Vanke said. "He was very dismissive of their opinions."

Nelson entered the sole vote opposing the Winmore development, a move Vanke said he saw as solely a political gesture.

Vanke said he plans to introduce his complete political platform in the next couple of weeks.

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More medical students are choosing to go into specialized medical fields, getting rid of pagers and unpredictable hours in favor of practices that allow more consistent schedules and less of a chance for malpractice lawsuits.

UNC's School of Medicine has shown the same trend indicated in a Journal of the American Medical Association study, which was released Wednesday, said Georgette Dent, associate dean for student affairs in the medical school.

But she added that preliminary data show that this year's crop of graduating medical students are in fact bucking the trend — more UNC medical school graduates are choosing to go into primary care than the class of 2003.

"It looks like the class that we have graduating in May will have a little more than 50 percent going into the primary care field."

All medical students eventually specialize in a particular aspect of medicine, but primary care is considered by medical schools to

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mean general practice, pediatrics, internal medicine and OB-GYN.

Dent said during the last decade, she has seen rising numbers of people choosing specialty fields like radiology and dermatology.

She said although students do look at the state of the medical job market, gender is the largest determining factor for which field medical students ultimately choose.

"If you look at who's going into OB-GYN and pediatrics, those specialties are attracting mainly females," she said.

Stephen Miller, secretary of the American Board of Medical Specialties, acknowledged the overall movement away from general practice.

But the former plastic surgeon said trends toward and away from primary care always have happened in the medical profession.

"There is a very decided cyclical nature of specialties," he said. "I think what we are seeing is the fact that students change their mind. Different generations are picking other things."

In particular, more students are picking dermatology, said Alexa Boer Kimball, a professor at Stanford University School of Medicine, who specializes in the field.

She said increased interest means it's more difficult for medical students to become dermatologists.

"We clearly see an increasingly competitive type of student trying to enter dermatology," Kimball said. "They are typically at the top of their class."

She said she is sure there are students who choose the field because it is less hectic than primary care. But she added that the students who ultimately make it have a passion for practicing dermatology.

In addition to that field, the journal's study found that medical students are showing increased interest in genetics, radiology, anesthesiology and emergency medicine.

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Sima Rafizadeh and Natalie Milgrom have recently opened Grandi Firme on Franklin St. The store will bring new fashion and new designers to the UNC community.

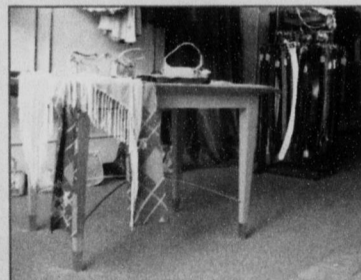
After owning her Durham store Bano for 8 years, Rafizadeh decided to branch out. "This was our dream for ages, to be in Chapel Hill," said Rafizadeh.

Grandi Firme has women's apparel and accessories, as well as a selection of men's shirts, ties, and belts. A few of the designers carried in the store are Dolce & Gabbana, Versace, Versus, Cavalli, Exté, Armani, and Fendi.

In order to keep up with the new styles of every season, Rafizadeh travels to Paris, Florence, and Venice on buying trips every three months to acquire new stock for her stores.

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