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Cam Hill (center) was one of three candidates to win the Coalition of Neighbors near Campus endorsement for Chapel Hill Town Council.

CNC
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they can buy my property."

Greene, a research attorney and member of the town's Planning Board, has lobbied for extending the review period for changes to the University's Development Plan.

Regulations now give the town a 90-day window for examining and voting on changes.

"It is better if the neighborhoods can think collectively to think through issues that come up to help find constructive solutions," Greene said. "The character of the neighborhoods is vital to the identity and attractiveness of UNC."

Hill said he has been affected personally by UNC development. He said his neighborhood on Cameron Avenue will be "com-

pletely paved over" within a year. "(The University) makes a show of listening to the neighborhoods and then do what they want," Hill said. "We're far too trusting. ... It's not been working well for us."

Although CNC is focused on preserving Chapel Hill, it is not entirely opposed to expansion. Members and the endorsed candidates insist that they only want more thought put into UNC's development before plans are finalized.

"We need a Town Council that is willing to vote with the interest of citizens in Chapel Hill," Strom said. "When neighborhoods get together ... it sends a message to the legislature in Raleigh that we are very concerned with our town."

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GIFT
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broken trees.

"We have to make sure that (the memorial) is compatible with characteristics of the area," Building and Grounds Committee Chairman Dave Godschalk said.

After the review, Godschalk approved and authorized the submitted locations.

"We went back and forth on (possible locations) several times," Godschalk said.

Because of a communication barrier between the artist and the University, the final location choices were not approved until Sept. 26.

The location of the memorial originally was supposed to be announced last December.

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"Bureaucracy has held us up," Singer said. "We weren't aware that so many committees had to look into it."

Despite such setbacks, Singer estimated that the monument will be completed during the spring semester.

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VOTERS
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scored about 200 registrations; Carolina Mock Trial, the Black Student Movement and cONcEpt (of colors), with 100 registrations each; and Mujeres Aprendiendo Nuevas Oportunidades, with 80 registrations.

The involvement of student organizations in the drive was encouraged by a grant from the Tennessee-based Bentwood Foundation, which offered 75 cents to groups for each voter registered in Orange County.

But Adams said there were many challenges to the campaign because registration forms often were hard to come by. The N.C. State Board of Elections ran out of forms due to a printing problem. Student government leaders had to drive around the state and round up more forms after they ran out.

Another challenge was the fact that students are not usually excited about local elections, Tepper said.

"Since this is a nonpresidential year, people are not as tuned into what is going on," he said.

But Adams stressed that the issues the Chapel Hill Town Council deals with affect students on a daily basis.

For example, off-campus students could see an increase in housing costs if the council votes to

eliminate the construction of duplexes. The council also might look to decrease the already minimal student parking in the town, Adams said.

Student government leaders stressed that their efforts are far from over despite the fact that voter registration deadlines have passed.

They plan to submit a questionnaire to Town Council candidates asking three questions on issues relevant to the student body. The answers will be distributed to students in a pamphlet explaining candidates' responses, Nunn said.

There also will be a candidate forum Oct. 27 that has been planned by student government and the Campus Y.

Early voting will take place in Morehead Planetarium from Oct. 20 to Nov. 1.

There will also be various events at the planetarium to encourage students to vote there, Tepper said, including a mini-concert.

The effort already has started turning heads among council candidates because they know the student population now will comprise a large portion of voters, Adams said.

"This is about getting the council compassionate to the student voice."

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HERITAGE
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because many of the students they mentor are immigrants plagued with difficulties due to language and cultural barriers, Cox said. "What we try to do is make that transition a little bit smoother."

One of the largest events of the month took place Friday when Marco Antonio Torres, a former sweatshop worker and leading labor organizer, spoke about labor conditions in Hamilton Hall.

The event was sponsored by CHisPA, along with the UNC Institute of Latin American Studies, Students United for a Responsible Global Environment and Carolina Interfaith Task Force on Central America.

In another event celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, CHisPA's dance group, Que Rico, performed salsa and merengue dances for the students living in Spanish House theme housing in Carmichael Residence Hall and for students in local schools.

In addition, the Office of Minority Affairs sponsored Hispanic Recruitment Weekend on Friday and Saturday. The event provided Hispanic high school seniors from around the state a firsthand look at life at UNC.

Fernando Soto, Hispanic and Latino programs coordinator for the office, said the purpose of the event is to increase the number of Hispanic students at UNC.

He said students were paired with members of CHisPA and other students and were given the opportunity to attend a UNC women's soccer game, eat in Chase Hall and visit Franklin Street.

Soto said the event was a success, with 25 students attending and seven spending the night. He said students who attended didn't seem bothered by the small number of Hispanics at UNC.

"They were saying stuff like, 'I can't picture going anywhere else.'"

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MOLD
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appropriated to NCCU to help fix the problem but that it probably will not be able to pay the entire amount. In September, the board allocated \$10.8 million to NCCU to begin correcting the problem.

In a presentation to the board's Budget and Finance Committee on Friday morning, James Ammons, NCCU's chancellor, said \$8.7 million already has been spent on the mold problem.

The entire \$10.8 million will be gone by December, he said. "Time is of the essence because we are in the process of recruiting students for the fall of 2004," Ammons said. "We must get started immediately."

The damages forced the university to relocate about 900 students to hotels near the campus, which has driven up the total mold costs and also affects recruiting efforts, Ammons said. Despite the inconvenience of relocating some stu-

dents, he said, few of the residence halls have been affected. "All but two (campus) buildings are classrooms," Ammons said.

The damage assessment pointed to leaks in pipes and improperly sealed doors and windows as the primary culprits of the mold proliferation. NCCU will have to change its primary steam pipe system to prevent mold problems in the future, Ammons said.

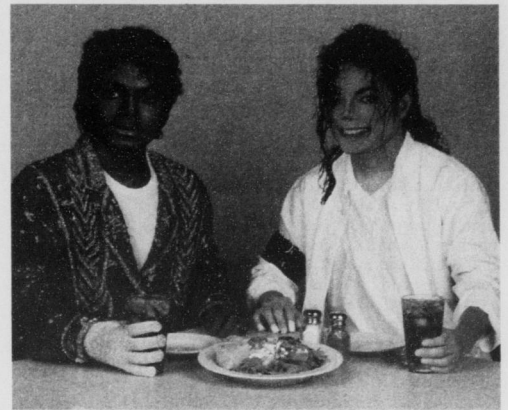
The academic buildings affected range in age from 18 to 74 years. Ammons said any work done will have to bring pipes and other interior materials up to code, adding to the cost of fixing the problem.

Both Ammons and Broad said the primary goal is to fix the problems in the NCCU residence halls and get students out of hotels.

"My hope is that NCCU can have residential facilities when it opens in the fall," Broad said.

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