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## O.C. shelter director resigns

APS HEAD LEAVES JOB AFTER MONTHS OF CONTROVERSY

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Laura Walters formally resigned from her post as the Orange County Animal Shelter director Monday, the same night the Animal Protection Society board of directors unanimously decided to bid to continue operat-

ing the shelter.

On Nov. 18, the Orange County Board of Commissioners will consider proposals from organizations that want to operate the shelter permanently or until the county or another entity assumes control.

Walters said she decided to step down because of built-up frustra-

tion with the position resulting from persistent public criticism and an eventual series of lawsuits involving county residents Elliot Cramer and Judith Reitman.

On Monday, a civil court judge ruled to uphold a trespass order Walters had filed against Cramer and defended APS' right as a private organization to refuse to allow Cramer and Reitman to renew their memberships.

Cramer and Reitman entered into litigation with the board when

it removed voting privileges from general members of APS.

The judge rejected a restraining order Cramer and Reitman filed to prevent the board from implementing further changes to its bylaws.

APS has used insurance to fund its half of the court costs. Cramer said he and Reitman have spent about \$25,000 in personal funds since then.

The judge has not yet ruled on a defamation suit Walters filed

against Cramer and Reitman.

Walters volunteered to stay on as an adviser to the board as it either continues to run the shelter or phases control to the county or another entity.

Walters said she wants to ensure the board continues to run programs she started such as the feral cat management program.

The APS board has until Nov. 4 to submit a proposal to the com-

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Candidate Bill Strom wants to see the University and the town provide bus service for Carolina North.

## UNC's growth key in election

Town-gown spats have intensified

BY JENNY HUANG  
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When it comes to growth and development, UNC and town officials have learned how easy it is to intrude on one another's territory.

Recent town-gown struggles over changes to the University's short-term Development Plan highlight the contentious nature of construction projects along campus boundaries and beyond.

As the University pushes forward in one of its largest periods of growth in history, intensified development has placed town-gown relations at the top of the Chapel Hill Town Council election agenda.

The newly elected council will discuss and possibly take action on two key town-gown issues: conceptual designs for UNC's Carolina North and potential changes to the Development Plan.

Campus officials acknowledge that any joint town and UNC project will undergo intense scrutiny

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## GPSF pushes forward

BY JONATHAN M. CARL  
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Graduate students have made modest headway in their continuing advocacy for graduate interests, according to the October Report published by the Graduate and Professional Student Federation.

The publication — an overview of the GPSF's progress during the past six months — reports some success on each of the main points of GPSF President Dan Herman's platform. These comprise student voice, child care, teaching assistant stipends, graduate orientation, teaching resources, Honor Code reform and town relations.

Herman said the group made major advances in making Counseling and Psychological Services, a part of Student Health Service, more accessible for graduate students during the past six

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## University expansion concerns neighbors

Town discusses Carolina North

BY DAN SCHWIND  
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Transit issues and concerns of traffic encroachment on residential areas were the major themes of a public forum on the Carolina North development report at Monday's Chapel Hill Town Council meeting.

The forum reviewed the recommended principles, goals and strategies for the Horace Williams site, submitted by the Horace Williams Citizens Committee, which was commissioned by the council to gain community reaction to the report.

Several citizens raised objections to the report pertaining to traffic congestion in residential areas and the efficiency of the transit system, which would help alleviate traffic and commuter parking.

Council candidate Thatcher Freund emphasized that need. "We need to find creative alternatives to (current) transit, including the (already planned) rail line," Freund said.

The need to remedy the current transit service was echoed by Rudy Juliano, another candidate. He objected to the clause in the report that asks to "establish enhanced bus service on Airport Road" and said he is concerned that more buses could lead to heavier traffic, which could affect neighborhood streets.

"I think this approach is fundamentally flawed," Juliano said. "Traffic will be jammed all up and down Airport Road."

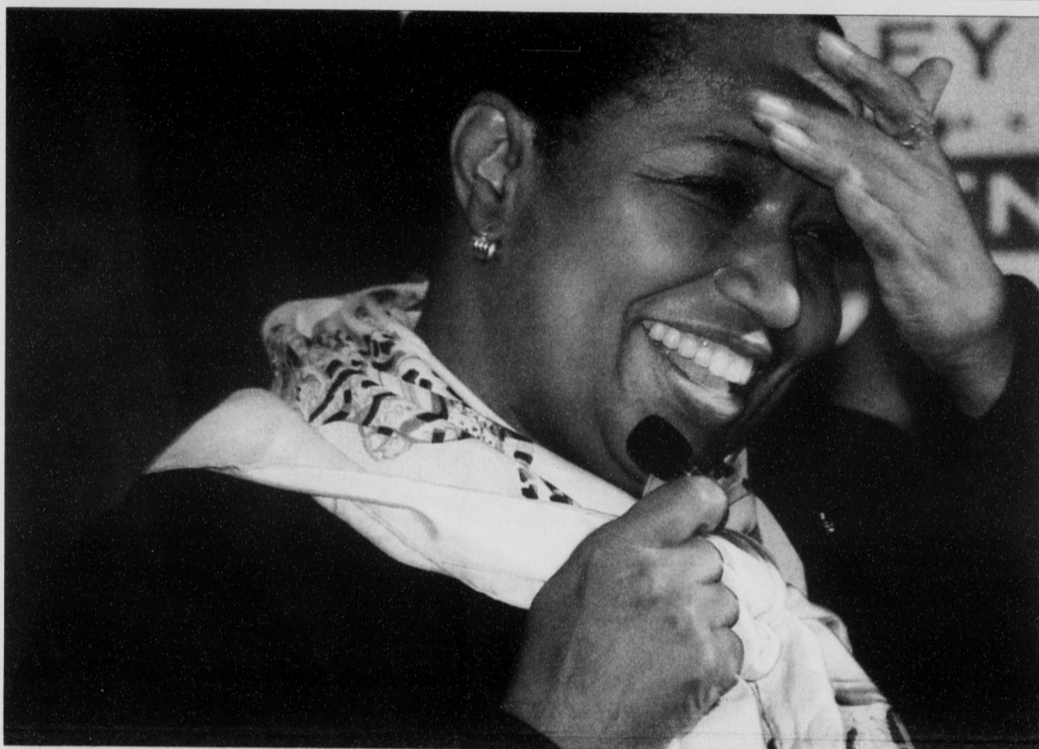
There also were concerns that enhanced bus service to Carolina North could turn into a park-and-ride lot for the main campus, leading to increased commuter parking. "We have got to limit commuter parking," Freund said.

Candidate Dianne Bachman also expressed concern about increased traffic flow in neighborhood areas. She proposed a symposium to help gauge possibilities for a new transit system.

Residents of surrounding neighborhoods identified the possibility of neighborhood degradation with the creation of a northern connection between Carolina North and Homestead Road.

North Woods resident Laurin Easthom said she thinks the con-

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Former Sen. Carol Moseley Braun of Illinois (above), U.S. Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, and the Rev. Al Sharpton are three lower-tier candidates running for president. These lesser-known politicians have less public support and less financing than the leading Democrats in the race.

## SENDING A MESSAGE

Some Democratic hopefuls seek a forum to sound off, not the Oval Office

BY LAURA YOUNGS  
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The three contenders trailing in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination likely knew their chances of winning were slim even as they began to battle for the nation's top post.

Experts say that with poor campaign organization and lagging funds, U.S. Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio, former Sen. Carol Moseley Braun of Illinois and the Rev. Al Sharpton are not necessarily looking to duel with President Bush to become the 44th U.S. commander in chief.

Rather, they are seeking a national platform from which to champion their causes. "They know they're not going to win," said Adam Schiffer, professor of political science at Texas Christian University. "They want to set an agenda."

Recent numbers indicate that as the primaries near, support for these three contenders is relatively low compared with that of the other six candidates.

Sharpton leads the lower trio with 6 percent of Democrats' support, while Moseley Braun stands at 5 percent. Kucinich remains at the bottom with 3 percent, according to an Oct. 12 CNN/USA Today/Gallup Poll.

The poll surveyed 456 Democrats and Democratic-leaning voters and had a 5 percent margin of error.

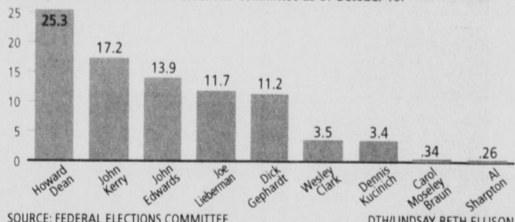
Sharpton, Kucinich and Moseley Braun also trail the other Democratic candidates in fund raising, according to third quarter campaign finance reports filed Oct. 15 with the Federal Election Commission.

Kucinich leads the lowest tier with about \$3.4 million in receipts, up from \$1.7 million in the second quarter.

Moseley Braun, the first black woman elected to the U.S. Senate, has raised only \$342,302, up from \$216,258 in the second quarter. Sharpton's war chest stands at just

### PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

Net contributions to the Democratic presidential candidates' campaigns, in millions of dollars, filed with the Federal Elections Committee as of October 15:



SOURCE: FEDERAL ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

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\$256,129, compared with its second quarter total of \$134,615.

By contrast, former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean leads the Democratic pack with slightly more than \$25 million. Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., comes in second with about \$17 million.

Low funding generally indicates a vote of low confidence from party insiders and potential contributors, said David Karol, professor of political science at the University of California-Berkeley.

Karol said that Sharpton has yet to be elected to office in his 30 years of campaigning. Kucinich is

too extreme for mainstream Democrats and Moseley Braun had a poor term in the Senate.

### Rocked by scandal

Adding to the candidates' problems is their political history. All three have been embroiled in scandal, and those past issues are contributing to their lack of support, Karol said.

"It's part of the reason they are the fringe candidates."

In the mid-1980s, Sharpton

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Frank Ryan, owner of the Pita Pit on East Franklin Street, will wear a "Pita Pete" costume that his wife made to work Friday night for Halloween. He plans to keep his restaurant open as usual until 3 a.m. to profit from the night's extra revenue.



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## Campus primes for wild Halloween weekend

BY CAROLINE LINDSEY  
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For some it will be a welcome excuse to party; for others, a threat of vandalism. Either way, a Friday night Halloween probably will mean more people and more revelry for Chapel Hill.

Jeremy Perrelle, a senior English and biology major, might have said it best: "The implication of a Friday night is that there is even less regard for one's health and safety than on the five other days of the week."

Perrelle said he plans to stay out later and party more than in past years, but instead of dressing as Spiderman or as a

cowboy, he'll be going as an average Joe.

Literally, since he'll be wearing a T-shirt with the name "Joe" on the front, with a bar signifying average status above it.

For sophomore journalism major Candice Fleming, a Friday night Halloween will mean a sleepy registration session the next morning.

"Our plan is to stay up, go get basketball bracelets and then register and then sleep the rest of the day," Fleming said.

Donald McMillan, a senior business major who is dressing as the McDonald's Hamburglar, said he also is trying to fit the ticket distribution into his plans.

"We might show up at the Dean Dome in our costumes," McMillan said. "It's just so exciting that it's on a Friday."

Senior anthropology major Rob Weldon also has been preparing for Halloween in advance.

"I'm planning on being Wolverine, the superhero, and I've been growing out my beard for the last few weeks in the hopes of getting it just right," he said.

Weldon, McMillan, Fleming and Perrelle all said that because Halloween is on a Friday, they are expecting visitors from

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