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Council contest totaled \$80K

BOT members donated \$2,000

BY JOHN FRANK
PROJECTS TEAM LEADER

More than \$80,000 was spent on November's Chapel Hill Town Council race by candidates, making it one of the most expensive council races in history.

Year-end campaign finance reports obtained Tuesday show that many candidates received a flurry of money right before the election, spending most of it on last-minute media blitzes to win over voters.

Among the contributors were eight of the 13 UNC Board of Trustees members, who gave almost \$2,000.

Actual figures on total money spent in past races were not readily available, but a recent study by Democracy North Carolina indicates this election could top the charts.

Since 1995, the most expensive council election was 1999, before \$200 campaign contribution limits were put in place.

In that year, the top four spenders averaged \$12,640 and winners averaged \$9,504 in campaign expenses, the study showed.

The 2003 election topped all but one election since 1995 in spending and rivaled the cap-less 1999 election with top spenders averaging \$12,014 and winners averaging \$6,879. A new record also could be set for the most money ever spent by a single candidate.

In 1999, Jim Protzman spent

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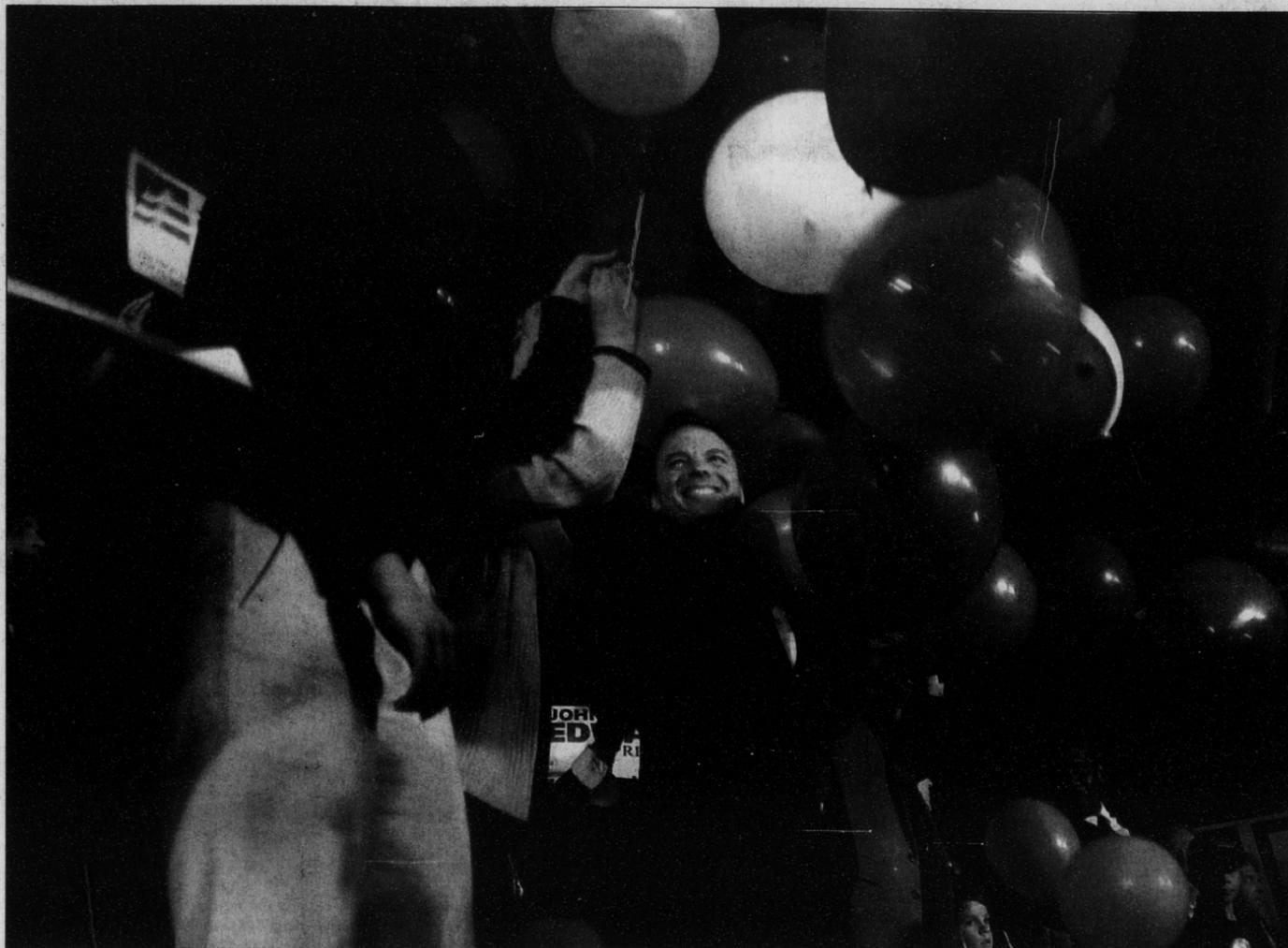
BIG MONEY

Spending in the 2003 Chapel Hill Town Council election could rank among the most expensive races in history. According to a Democracy North Carolina study, top spenders have a 69 percent chance of winning a seat.

■ DIANNE BACHMAN	\$17,891
■ RUDY JULIANO	\$12,443
■ THATCHER FREUND	\$10,015
■ SALLY GREENE*	\$7,209
■ BILL STROM*	\$6,801
■ JIM WARD*	\$6,755
■ CAM HILL*	\$6,251
■ DOUG SCHWORER	\$4,749
■ TERRI TYSON	\$4,301
■ MIKE MCSWAIN	\$1,659

Andrea Rohrbacher did not submit a complete report by Tuesday.

*Indicates election winners



DTH/KATE BLACKMAN

Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., holds up his wife Elizabeth's hand in triumph Tuesday night at his "Bringing it Home" party at Jillian's in Columbia, S.C. after he won his first Democratic primary. Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., won five of the seven contests held Tuesday while former Gen. Wesley Clark won his first race, narrowly beating Edwards to take Oklahoma.

KERRY STEAMROLLS AS EDWARDS WINS BIG IN S.C.

Southern victory propels campaign

BY LAURA YOUNGS
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COLUMBIA, S.C. — Pushing his way through a dense, energized mob, Sen. John Edwards was greeted Tuesday night with rowdy cheers as more than 200 supporters turned out to congratulate the presidential hopeful on his first primary win.

Flanked by family and increasingly hoarse from weeks of arduous campaigning, Edwards capped his efforts with a celebration in a balloon-filled room at Jillian's, a downtown Columbia restaurant.

"It's a long way from that little house in Seneca, South Carolina, to here tonight," the North Carolina lawmaker said, waving his fists and smiling at the crowd. "Tonight you said that the politics

of lifting people up beats the politics of tearing people down."

The speech came after Edwards trumped his six opponents by a double-digit margin in Tuesday's first-in-the-South primary. Edwards garnered 45 percent of the vote, beating his biggest opponent, Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, by 15 percentage points. The Rev. Al Sharpton, who had shown stronger than usual numbers in the Palmetto State, secured 10 percent, primarily from black voters.

Before being whisked away by campaign organizers, Edwards thanked the throng of supporters and reminded them of the major facets of his "Two Americas" platform, including health-care

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Democratic presidential front-runner John Kerry rolled up big victories and a pile of delegates in five states Tuesday night, while rivals John Edwards and Wesley Clark kept their candidacies alive with singular triumphs in a dramatic cross-country contest.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES '04

Edwards easily won his native South Carolina and Clark, a retired Army general from Arkansas, eked out victory in neighboring Oklahoma. Howard Dean earned no wins and perhaps no delegates, leaving his candidacy in peril. Joe Lieberman was shut out, too, and dropped out of the race.

"It's a huge night," Kerry told The Associated Press, even as rivals denied him a coveted sweep.

Racking up victories in Missouri, Arizona, North Dakota, New Mexico and Delaware, Kerry suggested that his rivals were regional candidates.

"I compliment John Edwards,



DTH FILE PHOTO/BRIAN CASSELLA

but I think you have to run a national campaign, and I think that's what we've shown tonight," the four-term Massachusetts senator said. "You can't cherry-pick the presidency."

With Iowa and New Hampshire already in his pocket, Kerry boasts a record of 7-2 in primary season contests and remains the undisputed front-runner who had a chance to put two major rivals away but barely failed.

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DEMOCRATIC CONTESTS

The leading candidates appear below along with the states they secured Tuesday.

- **JOHN KERRY**
Arizona, Delaware and Missouri primaries, North Dakota and New Mexico caucuses
- **JOHN EDWARDS**
South Carolina primary
- **WESLEY CLARK**
Oklahoma primary

Greeks give Compton nod for SBP



DTH/ANDREW SYNOWIEZ

Candidate Matthew Compton won his first endorsement Tuesday for student body president from the Interfraternity Council.

BY ALICE DOLSON
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The Interfraternity Council endorsed Matt Compton for student body president at its forum Tuesday night, giving Compton his first endorsement.

STUDENT ELECTIONS '04

"We felt that Matt Compton's experience as a member of the Chancellor's Committee on Greek Affairs and his pledge to create a Greek life position on his Cabinet made him the ideal candidate to gain the IFC endorsement," said IFC Vice President David Murray.

Compton cited his experience in student government and his concrete platform as likely reasons for the IFC's endorsement.

"It's a group of people who go out and do incredible things for

this University, Orange County and the state, and I think they understand that I want to go out and do great things," Compton said.

Compton said he is glad to represent a group on campus that is usually overlooked.

Most candidates focused on increasing communication between Greek organizations, student government and the UNC administration to help improve rush turnout and the image of Greek life.

"Too often you're portrayed as Animal House, when you're more like Ronald McDonald House," said candidate Matt Liles.

Candidate John Walker emphasized the role student government played in the reputation of Greek

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ANALYSIS

Council to reconsider Carolina North zoning

BY EMMA BURGIN
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Before the Horace Williams Citizens Committee was privy to the draft plan of Carolina North last December, they were willing to negotiate a new zoning classification with the University.

But after members laid eyes on the plan, the committee — comprising Chapel Hill Town Council members, residents and experts — seemed to have a change of heart.

Last week, the committee asked that the Town Council zone the entire property under Office/Institutional-2, reneging on their recommendation to create a new zoning district for Carolina North.

Land zoned as OI-2 is subject to special use permits for all buildings more than 20,000 square feet. The University would have to ask the town for these permits.

"Our decision was that it might be useful as a town to put us in a position of less weakness," said Ruby Sinreich, vice chairwoman of the committee, at last week's council meeting. "It might give us more stable footing there as a town."

The citizens committee, whose members were appointed by a special mayoral committee, voted 11-5 in favor of the change.

"Everybody agreed that what was out there is crazy," said Joe

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