

Registration efforts begin early

Leaders want increased participation

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Student leaders across the state and at UNC-Chapel Hill are gearing up their voter registration efforts — eight months in advance.

The early efforts, they say, will make it easier to get students involved and focused on University issues at the height of election season in the fall.

Jonathan Ducote, president of the UNC-system Association of Student Governments, said the group is trying to collaborate the efforts of roughly 30 groups across the state that encourage college-aged people to vote.

UNC-CH Student Body President-elect Matt Calabria said he and his administration have already started focusing their

efforts on ways to get next year's crop of students into the voting booths.

Both Ducote and Calabria assert that the more work they get done now, the better off get-out-the-voter efforts will be when the registration deadline rolls around in early October.

"I think logistically, on our end, the more we can do early, then the less we have to do in the crunch," Calabria said.

"We have to have massive efforts to get out the vote, to remind people to vote."

Calabria said that, among other things, he's working with University political groups and the Campus Y to register as many students as possible.

He said he has several goals he wants to accomplish before the voter registration deadline.

Ultimately, Calabria said he hopes to unify the districts that the University is fragmented into.

Calabria also said he's working with the Residence Hall Association to put a voter registration form in the room of every student who lives on campus.

"They'll ... fill out a voter registration form and be able to turn it into the (nearest) RHA office," he said.

"It's often tough for students to take time out and get registration forms out."

Campus Y co-president Derwin Dubose said that starting earlier will help get a more diverse group of voters to the polls, which is vital to influencing policy.

Instead of commemorating the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks with a vigil, Dubose said that the group is trying to coordinate voter registration events in the week following the anniversary.

"If we register them two months

in advance, that is two months we can use to educate them," he said, adding that it is important to help voters learn more about the information out there and where they can go to voice their opinion.

But Ducote emphasized that if student leaders set up the mechanisms to encourage student voting now, then they would be in a better position to encourage students to vote for candidates who support issues affecting college students.

"The traditional drive part, where you actually put a voter registration form in someone's face, that will take place in the traditional time setting," Ducote said, adding that the student government umbrella organization that he heads is "trying to make sure that everyone gets where they want to get."

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don't want to hear why demolition can't be done," Carter said. "We want to hear how it can be done."

BOT Chairman Richard "Stick" Williams said the board might meet next month to reconsider plans for South Campus housing.

"What we're thinking is: Should we be thinking about something different than renovations?" he said. "We'll probably meet sometime in April."

Planned renovations to Morrison include a large solar power array, aesthetic upgrades and the removal of built-in furniture. The renovations are based on feedback from students who like

Morrison and the community it creates, Payne said.

Much of the motivation and funding for solar panels in the plan came from student government's Renewable Energy Special Projects Committee.

The committee, which has committed \$185,000 of student fees to help "green" Morrison, will have wasted its funding if the residence hall is torn down in several years.

"I don't see how they could make a financial argument for tearing it down," said Charlie Anderson, chairman of the committee. "If they do, I'll probably flip my lid."

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will be sold in 2006, bringing the open-space bond total to \$2 million.

Town staff suggested that the next largest chunk of bond money — \$600,000 — raised in 2004 be used for sidewalk construction.

The suggestion also includes the sale of \$500,000 in bonds to raise money for library facilities. That amount is equal to the money needed for the planning phase of the library expansion.

The town approved \$500,000 for energy efficiency projects, and that entire amount will be sold by the end of this year under the proposed schedule. Foy said the bond projects will save money so that the town will have more funds for future energy efficiency bonds.

The next public forum on the budget will be May 12. Residents may speak to the council about the bond projects or other matters concerning the budget.

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CIGARETTES

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well by customers and that there haven't been too many complaints.

Jones said he thought students would be pleased with the decision. "This is a very anti-smoking campus, from what I understand."

However, both smoking and nonsmoking students said discontinuing cigarette sales is a bad idea.

"Sucks for smokers who don't have cars," said Scott Dillard, a nonsmoker and senior health policy and administration major. "You have years worth of students who can't get what they're legally able to

buy in other stores."

Smoker Jon Tirpak, a sophomore French and women's studies major, expressed a similar view. "Although I support the nonsmoking movement wholeheartedly, smokers on campus should have options."

Jones said he will not reverse the decision unless someone in a higher position asked him to change his mind.

Major brands of cigarettes will probably be gone in a couple weeks, Wood said. Lower sellers should disappear in about four weeks.

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After the final interviews are complete, the committee will make its final recommendation to University administrators by early May, Matson said. If approved by Shelton and Moeser, the final candidate could be in the position by the beginning of fall semester.

Matson said it is important to have the finalists chosen before the end of the semester so the candidates have time to come to campus before students leave for the summer. He emphasized the need for candidates to get a sense of the campus and the community.

"Like any position, it's a two-way street," he said. "They're looking at us, and we're looking at them."

Harpster has been a vice president at Shippensburg since 1995. He previously served as the director of student life and the assistant vice chancellor for student affairs at UNC-Charlotte from 1983 to 1987 and was acting director of university housing at UNC-CH from 1982 to 1983. He received his doctorate in adult and higher education from UNC-CH in 1984.

Jablonski has served as the dean of campus life at Brown University since August 2001. Prior to that, she served as the associate dean of undergraduate education and student affairs at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology from 1994 to 1997. She received a masters degree from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst in 1984.

Spencer has been with Virginia Tech since 1983 and was named assistant vice president for student affairs in 1996. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Rochester in 1967 and received his doctorate in social psychology from the University of Delaware in 1981.

Ullom was previously the vice president for student development and the dean of students at Hendrix College in Conway, Ark., from 1993 to 1998, before he took his current position at UCF. He received his doctoral degree in adult and continuing education from the University of Georgia in 1984.

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RESPONSE

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groups within our society."

The Progressive Faculty Network and a group of concerned students also read letters at the conference. The letters expressed disappointment with UNC administrators for not supporting Crystall, whom the letters state was enforcing the University's nondiscrimination and anti-harassment policies regarding sexual orientation when she chastised the student.

"Instructors have both a right and an obligation to set the terms

for discussion in their classes and to determine what constitutes relevant and appropriate content."

Junior Sarah Carucci read a letter signed by almost 50 students stating that the administration's response fails to provide all students with a safe learning environment. The letter was addressed to Moeser and Shelton.

Carucci said the students are drafting a petition to support the letter and anticipate obtaining several hundred signatures.

"Professor Crystall and the rest of the faculty have received no clear message from the administration on how they should handle comments attacking LGBTQ students," Carucci read. "To suggest that her response was wrong without ever having adequately explained what an appropriate response might be, is ineffectual at best."

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