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Council tackles UNC zoning

REFORMS TO OI-4 COULD AFFECT EVOLUTION OF CAROLINA NORTH

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The Chapel Hill Town Council said at a public hearing Monday that its Office/Institutional-4 zoning district hinders the town and University's ability to work together.

"The University is a valuable asset to the town, and the town is a valuable asset to the University," said Ruby Sinreich, a member of the Town Planning Board and the Horace Williams Citizens Committee. "What is good for one is good for the other."

The council decided to discuss pro-

posed changes to the zoning standard again at its next business meeting, on Nov. 8.

The council looked over eight potential changes to the zoning district and discussed a petition submitted by the University concerning an adjustment to extend the council's review period.

The University petitioned because UNC administrators think the council should continue to have 90 days, instead of the 120 days recommended by the planning board, to make a decision on any University development plan that falls under OI-4.

"The University submitted to a rigorous zoning district, and the brief turn around timing was a trade off," said Nancy Sutenfield, the University's vice chancellor for finance and administration. "The council can simply make efficient use of the 90 days."

Sutenfield said that OI-4, created in July 2001, represented a compromise between the University and the town.

But council members and town residents are ready for change.

Monday, they disagreed with the University, instead expressing support for the 30 extra days and criticizing OI-4's current form.

"Bad things happen when the University's development plans are rushed through," said resident Mike Collins.

Sinreich supported this statement and asked how the council could spend fewer than six months on a proposal like the 300-page concept plan for the University's satellite research campus, Carolina North.

She said that the council always has questions for the University after it submits a development plan, and that extra time should be allowed for questioning.

Some council members said that the University should be more accommodating to the town and its interests. "The University doesn't seem interested in compromise or what the town wants," said council member Cam Hill.

Hill said that 30 extra days seems like an insignificant sacrifice for the University

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CAA faced difficulties with Keith at its helm

BY MATT HANSON
PROJECTS TEAM LEADER

With new president Lindsay Strunk taking the helm this week, the Carolina Athletic Association now must work with student government to clarify the CAA's role, rules and responsibilities.

Student government leaders met with members of the CAA cabinet during the week before former President Will Keith's resignation to discuss mounting criticisms of Keith's administration.

This summit meeting allowed for discussion of problems that had been mullied over in private and at informal meetings since last spring.

Keith received criticism during his first few weeks on the job as he pursued Sister Hazel and two other music groups for the 2004 Homecoming concert before his April 7 installation.

According to e-mails sent from Keith's UNC account, he announced only one day after finalizing the total Homecoming budget for 2004 that Sister Hazel was booked. Even members of Keith's cabinet worried that he was rushing into the expensive \$20,000 contract before allowing for appropriate research or community feedback.

"I have a problem with the fact that you would not let me discuss the numbers with cabinet members, have presented them with no research on other fees ... and I feel that you are framing the situation to

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Former CAA VP Lindsay Strunk will lead her 1st meeting tonight as CAA's leader.



DTH/JULIA LEBETKIN

Toby Beckman (from left), Kate MacDowell and Sue-Anne Solem march across Franklin Street on Monday during a parade to accompany the start of one-stop voting.

County kicks off one-stop voting

BY OLIVIA WEBB
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Orange County residents can vote early in these final weeks before the Nov. 2 election, saving themselves — and their political parties — a lot of trouble.

A rally to publicize the convenient "one-stop" voting option was organized Monday in front of the Franklin Street post office by the Orange County Democratic Party and the Campaign to End the Cycle of Violence.

Their slogan was "Beat Bush, Vote Today."

Nine women dressed as the Statue of Liberty waved signs and pumped up a partisan crowd before leading a

short march of voters to the Morehead Planetarium.

"November 2nd is the last day to vote, and it is the worst day to vote," said Orange County Democratic Party Chairman Barry Katz in his speech to the crowd.

Andrew Pearson, an organizer from the CECV, also spoke.

His group was created in 2001 to address concerns about Bush's foreign policy, especially the war in Iraq.

"We've been waiting four long, hard years for this chance," Pearson said as the crowd cheered.

The Morehead Building and Carrboro Town Hall both opened Monday for the first time this year for one-stop voting.

Both locations will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, until Oct. 30.

"(The voter turnout) has been good everywhere," said Carolyn Thomas, director of the Orange County Board of Elections.

The Board of Elections office in Hillsborough opened for early voting last Thursday and has seen a good amount of voters, Thomas said.

The Hillsborough location will remain open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday through Oct. 30.

Orange County resident Django Rogers voted at the Hillsborough loca-

tion Monday because he is moving to Minnesota today.

"I'm voting because this is an important election, and I already know who I want to vote for," he said.

The Morehead Building polling center saw more than 900 voters Monday.

The Carrboro site was so overcrowded that by the end of the day, employees were planning to move voting booths to a larger room.

Mebane resident Amy Wagner came out to vote on Monday at Carrboro Town Hall.

"It's more convenient," she said of

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Coach, others rally student votes

Williams touts importance of young voices

BY JOHN RAMSEY
STAFF WRITER

UNC men's basketball coach Roy Williams joined several campus leaders in front of Morehead Building on Monday morning as he advocated the importance of voting during the formal inauguration of one-stop voting.

All voters registered in Orange County, including many UNC students, can vote at the planetarium between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday until Oct. 30.

The University is divided into six different precincts, three of them off campus, and the planetarium site should help eliminate student excuses about the inconvenience of voting off campus, officials said.

"Don't complain unless you're willing to be part of the process," Williams said.

The Office of the Provost, along with the Orange County Board of Elections, organized early voting at the planetarium four years ago to make the process easier for students living on campus.

"Voting's not a job, it's not a burden," said Jordan Selleck, chairman of the UNC College Republicans. "It's a gift."

Campus leaders stressed the importance of voter turnout. "Students need to vote to make sure that our voices are heard in the town and state and to set a precedent for national events," said Ginny Franks, former executive member of Young Democrats.

The formal kick-off helps to make the

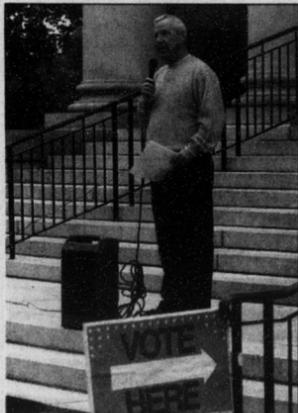
site more concrete to students, said Jen Bushman, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation. Many times, students hear about voting at the planetarium, but they remain unsure of the process, she said.

Student Body President Matt Calabria said, "Anyone registered to vote can just take two seconds out on the way to Franklin Street or class."

Speakers lined up to vote after the event to illustrate further the importance of voting. Williams said he will vote at the planetarium later because he is still undecided. In his place, he brought Assistant Coach Joe Holladay to cast an early vote.

A line formed shortly after the speeches ended, as many of those who attended the event waited to vote.

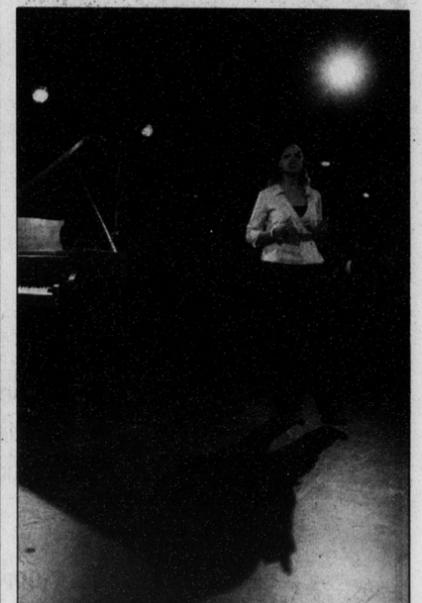
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DTH/ALLISON MONEY

Men's basketball coach Roy Williams speaks Monday morning at Morehead Planetarium, one of the sites available for one-stop voting in the county.

DEAD POETS SOCIETY



DTH/MIRANDA HARPLE

Sophomore Qia Martin recites the poem "If We Must Die" by Harlem Renaissance writer Claude McKay during a benefit talent show Monday night at the Cabaret inside the Student Union.

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