

OUTREACH

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has maintained that same method when courting student input.

"He's got a very large network of people," he said. "He doesn't have to force himself on those people, they want to talk to him."

Johnston pointed to the chancellor's student advisory committee — of which he is chairman — as one avenue for this dialogue.

Students had contacted Dearmin's office about installing more locks in Odum Village. That message was passed on to Chancellor James Moeser during a committee meeting, Johnston said, and locks are now being installed on exterior doors.

While Dearmin is confident that he is representing student input at trustee meetings, efforts at encouraging a physical turnout have been unsuccessful.

Few students have attended

trustee meetings, and the half-dozen Student Congress representatives at the September trustees meeting mark the only large student turnout outside of Dearmin's administration.

He said his executive board plans to hold events, such as a tuition information forum, to gauge student interest before the trustees meet to discuss tuition hikes in November.

After additional input from members of the task force, the tuition hike proposal will go before Provost Robert Shelton, who is task force co-chairman along with Dearmin, before heading to Moeser's desk.

It will remain unclear until the November meeting whether the University will adopt the provision advocating for predictability of hikes that Dearmin has pushed for.

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ELECTIONS

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what each is responsible for."

But some students have questioned whether elections conducted online will provide reliable results.

Freshman Samuel Brice, a candidate in District 3, said he still received error messages when he attempted the practice election. He said he worries that this might curb student participation.

"The process has a lot of errors in it," Brice said. "Things aren't going the way you would expect them to. It's kind of discouraging."

Brewer said that although the idea of dropping online elections was discussed, officials quickly decided against a paper ballot election.

"Voting online was still the best way to include all students in terms of accessibility," he said.

Students who receive error messages can fix the problem by closing their browser, opening up a new

window and logging on again.

In addition, provisional paper ballots will be available at the board's office in suite 2501 J of the Student Union.

Sophomore Tyson Grinstead, a candidate in District 6, said he had no problems with either of the practice elections. But he said he wishes the board had done more to promote the original election.

"I wish that they would have publicized a little more before all the problems started," he said. "I think they're back on pace ... and they've done a good job since Oct. 18."

Student Body President Seth Dearmin also expressed his approval of the board's efforts in correcting problems.

He said he was confident that the efforts of the elections board are enough to prevent any more complications.

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Today's election Students can vote in the election today from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. online at Student Central.

Homecoming candidates



Kadarra Lowe's platform focuses on AIDS, poverty in wake of the experiences she had studying in Ghana.



Jarrod Jenkins' platform aims to develop more cohesive campus service efforts such as a civil rights fundraiser.



Lauren Rennick's platform focuses on advocating for proper oral hygiene in area shelters.



Matt Mullane's platform focuses on combining area hurricane relief aid with campus groups' efforts.



Ada Wilson's platform focuses on breast cancer awareness and plans to educate young women on the issues.



Clayton Perry's platform focuses on promoting financial literacy among area youth through workshops.

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9 p.m.

Later Monday, Lt. Chris Blue of the Chapel Hill Police Department surveyed the crowd moving up and down the sidewalks near the intersection of Franklin and Columbia streets.

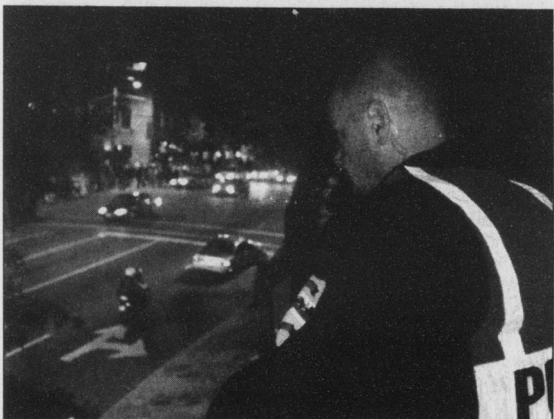
Blue was coordinating police coverage in that particular area, keeping in contact with command as the decision to close the street to traffic was made.

He explained that police were just looking to keep the fun safe. "We know they're going to come up and celebrate," he said. "Our goal is to keep it safe for them to do that."

After the barricades were erected and a large and loud pirate marching band had moved past, Blue moved down from the steps and began a walk west down Franklin Street.

"It's important for us to be able to manage the numbers here and have plans in place to deal with anything," Blue said.

As he stood in the street, conferring with other officers, a higher-up walked out onto the dark balcony of a temporary headquarters, looked down at the crowd and the officers, and after a moment, walked back inside.



(Left photo) Lt. Chris Blue surveys Franklin and Columbia streets.

9:30 p.m.

Steven Couper, a freshman math major, was hard to miss. Couper's attire consisted of long black dreadlocks, a tie-dye T-shirt and blue shades.

The 6-foot-3-inch costumed man, who tried to pass himself off as a senior to The Daily Tar Heel, moved his way through the Franklin Street crowd around 9:30 p.m.

He wasn't sure when his night would end, but he added that he would attend his 8 a.m. class tomorrow.

"I haven't missed a single day of class this semester," said Couper, who said he made three trips to Wal-Mart to perfect his costume.

Couper didn't have a set plan of attack. "I plan on taking the night as it comes, whatever comes up."

He and his friends walked the street, examining different costumes that they found interesting.

He said his own costume came to mind after a friend termed him an "anti-hippie."

His roommate was dressed as a baby, wearing a Depends diaper.



(Right photo) UNC freshman Steven Couper (right) wanders down Franklin Street.

Congressional candidates

- Samuel Brice
- Robert Langdon
- Blaine Nesbitt
- LaToya Evans

District 3, one seat
Represents those living in South Campus residence halls, Odum Village and Student Family Housing.

- Frank Sturges
- Pablo Friedmann
- Victoria Wackym

District 2, one seat
Represents those living in Carmichael, Whitehead, Teague, Parker and Avery residence halls.

- Tyson Grinstead
- Dax Dixon

District 6, two seats
Represents undergraduates living off campus, not including Greek housing or Granville Towers.

Senior gift

- An artistic mural to be placed somewhere on campus.
- A welcome sign to the University outside of McCorkle Place.
- An endowment for advising development to provide more training for academic advisers.

If you have trouble

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