

**TOWN-GOWN**

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"I think whenever there is a major expansion going on as there is now it presents lots of things for the town and gown to talk about and the mechanism for doing that, and we are," Howes said.

This particular period of expansion is exceptional in its scope, he said. "This is by far the largest."

Bill Thorpe, a council member in the late 1970s and mid-1980s and a candidate this year, said that because of the expansion, the nature of relations has changed.

"I haven't been on the council recently," Thorpe said. "But what has happened is the University has grown tremendously, and the town has grown fast. So you won't have the same relationship."

Thorpe attributes the idea that town-gown relations once were better to the ease of communication at that time. "It was smaller. The University and the town were smaller then."

During his tenure on the council, Thorpe regularly would meet with vice chancellors and deans, he said, to discuss where the University was headed.

"We were making sure that we were all on the same page, meeting regularly, discussing the University's

long-range plan," Thorpe said.

Beyond council and University relations, the expansion also has affected local neighborhoods, more so than in the past.

Moeser, however, thinks that any trouble is worth it for residents.

A number of residents, such as those that live in the Gimghoul neighborhood east of the University, vocally have opposed expansion — opposition that reached its peak with the 2003 approval of a parking deck and chiller plant behind Cobb Residence Hall, adjacent to the neighborhood.

But Moeser said those that have approached him since say they are beginning to see benefits from the University's construction projects.

"That was a painful process of construction because there was a lot of earth moving and tree removal, and it looked pretty grim," he said. "But now it's beginning to and it will ultimately be more beautiful."

Others still see relations as being strained, and not because of the administration.

David Godschalk, a Daily Tar Heel guest columnist and professor emeritus of city and regional planning, falls into that category. Godschalk served on the Town Council during the late 1980s.

Godschalk thinks the town is responsible for creating tension

in town-gown relations. "I think (relations) are poor because I think a number of town council members feel that it's their job to work against the University."

Some council members, he said, have run or are running on an anti-University platform, portraying themselves as standing up for the community against the University because "they perceive that's the way to get elected."

The end result is negativity toward the campus's goals, he said.

"Just about anything that the University puts forward in a collaborative manner gets attacked," Godschalk said.

Foy said tension does not signify poor working relations.

"People need to recognize that the University and the town have separate missions," he said. "There's frequently going to be tension but that doesn't mean there's something wrong."

And while their missions may be distinct, Howes said town and gown cannot exist separately.

"The University and the town are so, as an old professor of mine used to say, 'inextricably intertwined' that they are very much dependent on each other."

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**TOWN COUNCIL**

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issues might differ, incumbent Mark Kleinschmidt said all candidates have their hearts in the right place.

But it's their platforms — however similar to or different from each other — that ultimately will drive the final outcome.

**The issues**

There are the buzz words — the topics that have come up at every forum and that every candidate has touched upon at some point.

For one, Carolina North seems to be high on everyone's mind.

The University is planning for 17,000 parking spaces at its proposed satellite campus, threatening a sometimes rocky town-gown relationship, though construction lies a number of years off.

Candidates have brought up a number of concerns about the environmental and traffic impacts of the proposal. Along that same vein, many candidates say they want to take another look at the town's public transit system to see where it can be improved or better used.

Wireless Internet on Franklin Street, downtown safety, economic development and affordable housing also have received much lip service from the group. Then there are issues that some might argue have not been widely covered.

Candidate Robin Cutson said she was disappointed in the lack of coverage of both the salaries of town employees and environmental issues relating to water. "Quite frankly, I find that shocking, especially in a town that is supposed to be liberal and progressive," she said.

Overall, the prominent issues on the minds of candidates and residents have remained consistent.

The composition of the race, however, has not.

**A changing race**

The race for Town Council has seen its twists and turns — and surprises — along the way.

Before the filing period even closed, candidate Aaron Shah withdrew his name.

When mayoral challenger Kevin Wolf, a newcomer to the town, threw his name into the hat, pundits scrambled to find out anything about the stranger from up north.

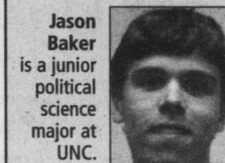
During the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, candidate Tanya Riemer dropped out of the race to devote time to helping family.

Perhaps the biggest surprise came in October at a candidate forum hosted by The Daily Tar Heel. It was then that Walker Rutherford, a UNC graduate and the only registered Republican in the council race, dropped out.

He said that though he was trying to do too many things at once, the experience of being on the council

**Why should I vote for ya?**

Town Council candidates respond to the question.



**Jason Baker** is a junior political science major at UNC.

"I really hope that the voters have picked up on my vision and perspective being a young person."



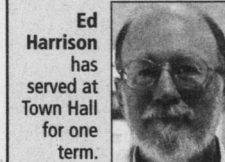
**Robin Cutson** has been a fixture during citizen petitions.

"I'm hopeful that enough people in this town care to cast a vote for me to give them a voice."



**Laurin Easthom** has served on many town boards.

"They are electing someone who is an extremely hard worker, who has ... experience behind her in the town."



**Ed Harrison** has served at Town Hall for one term.

"That I'm someone who specializes in listening to the full range of opinions, and I study issues thoroughly."



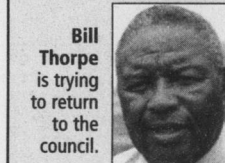
**Mark Kleinschmidt** is a former speaker of Student Congress.

"I think it's hard not to recognize a voting record and ... advocacy that has been true to my original promises."



**Will Raymond** has been a regular at council meetings.

"I would like the voters to recognize that I have been recognized as being somebody with great energies."



**Bill Thorpe** is trying to return to the council.

"I would just remember that you have four votes, and I would like to be one of the votes."

would have been rewarding. "The decision) was one that I'll probably question ... or will always reflect on for many years to come."

**Last chance**

For those who remain in the race, today will be a final attempt to catch the eyes and ears of voters before they fill out their ballots.

Baker said he spent most of Monday preparing literature, having used his printer since 8 a.m.

Candidate Will Raymond said Monday that he planned to "do the sign thing" during the evening.

And, of course, most of the candidates said they would be out at the polls today — seeing their long campaigns come full circle.

Foy said, "It's always sort of a tense time on Election Day because you never know what the voters are going to do."

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**THE Daily Crossword**

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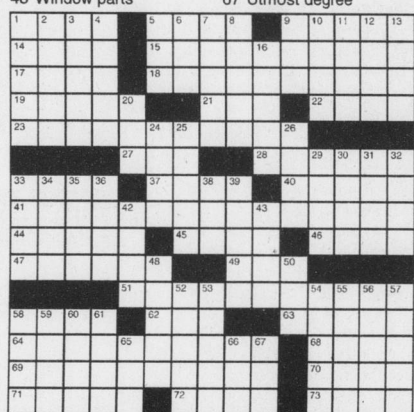
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