

# School board discusses summer programming

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Remodeling the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools' summer school program was one of the main issues discussed Thursday night at the district's Board of Education meeting.

To accommodate the surplus of middle school students attending summer school, the board is preparing to use two online programs.

The N.C. Virtual Public School is an online program that allows students to take courses online at home, while PLATO, also an online learning program, can be used at home or at school.

Those resources would primarily allow students who passed a course but failed the End of Course test, or vice versa, to retake the course online at their homes with NCVPS or in the schools with PLATO.

"This is really big," Vice Chairwoman Lisa Stuckey said. "If you brought this idea to me five or six years ago, I'd be more concerned about the courses being online. I love it now ... the idea of students moving at their pace."

Some board members were more reserved about the idea.

"It is a radical departure from what we've been doing," board member Jean Hamilton said. "If this model doesn't work for them, we might see a lot of failure."

Denise Bowling, assistant superintendent for instructional services, said the system should work and if students are successful, teachers can monitor and intervene. The

online curriculum is the same as the Chapel Hill-Carrboro system, and students should only be taking one course at a time online.

"We're not here to save money," Superintendent Neil Pedersen said, adding that anyone who needs to take the courses in the schools will be able to. "They can go at their own pace, and some of these students can finish before the end of their school calendar."

The board also discussed a proposal to grant course credit for high school student government officials but voted unanimously against implementing the motion.

It stated that students who participate in student government spend as much time working after school as do students in activities such as the newspaper. The board discussed the issue, but many members brought up concerns regarding the proposal.

"I don't think it's fair to award credit to that one group of students for their community involvement," said board member Annetta Streater, arguing that there are students who also devote extracurricular time to other activities.

The board also requested district administrators to review Chapel Hill High School's theater production course at the December meeting. The board voted Thursday to remove the class from the approved course list, as rehearsals are held after school and on an audition-only basis.

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## SHERARD

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As for the switch to the back? "I have no clue. I started playing offense and just pushed back and back until I was playing defense. And I liked it."

Again, the right decision, and Sherard was courted as a defender by Connecticut and South Florida.

But his college team of choice was made easier by a Capital Area Soccer League Elite coach who had played for the Tar Heels and was a friend of Bolowich.

"Plus they were close to home," he added. "My mom gets to see me."

### A new playing field

A freshman on a talented backline in 2004, Sherard was one of only three players who started every game — and he's only missed one contest since then.

"Coach saw something in me, I guess. It took me a little while to adapt, but I think I did well, and I'm glad he stuck with me."

Sherard used the presence of upperclassmen such as Ted Odgers and Michael Harrington to prepare him for his future stint as a leader.

"I just wanted to get the hang of things," he said. "I didn't want to step on any toes or anything like that. I just wanted to ... learn from them and take their experiences to when I had the rest of my four years."

Cameron Lewis, the other starting senior on this season's backline, said Sherard's consistency is what is key in his successful play.

"I think one thing the team really will miss is just that sort of presence and confidence that, as far as everybody in front of him, that they have this guy who just doesn't get beat."

### Leading by example

As captain during his senior season, Sherard used a do-as-I-do technique to lead the team.

"I just try to do it by example if I can," he said. "That's how you see it. You can see it from people talking, people communicating, but by example is more."

And during a particularly frustrating 7-8-5 season for the Tar Heels in which they missed the postseason for the first time in nine years, Sherard found himself the rock in a team consistently hurt by inconsistency.

"Stuff happens, things happen," he said. "You just have to make sure you're calm. I mean, if you're panicking, then they're going to panic."

Lewis agreed that Sherard helps the team keep perspective.

"One thing he definitely brings, and I try and help him with that, is taking everything in context," he said. "Nothing on or off the field is as serious as it seems at the time."

Bolowich stressed that Sherard's captaincy came not only from his skill on the field but also the simple fact that his teammates like him.

"He's a very positive person," he said. "He is a little bit on the shy side, but he can say things that make some sense. Our players respect that."

### 'I'll be playing soccer'

Sherard, one of 54 seniors invit-



Captain Andre Sherard (20) leads the UNC men's soccer team out to toss balls to the crowd before facing Clemson on Oct. 28.

ed to last weekend's MLS Combine, was less than thrilled with his performance for the pro coaches.

Today's draft, set for 2 p.m., will help determine Sherard's post-graduation plans.

"I'm not sure I'm gonna watch," he said.

And with interest from Cary's Carolina RailHawks, the same feeling that kept Sherard in state for college shows positives in staying away from the MLS.

"I've lived here since 10th grade," he said. "I'm not sure I want to move across the country."

But if Papa knows best, Andre might have a choice to make if the coaches look at more than his play in what he called "the two worst games" of his career.

"Andre loves the game, and he knows the game, and I don't think someone who was really looking at him seriously could judge him for (his Combine performance) for his whole career," Reginald said.

"If that is the case, I think they will be missing a real great opportunity."

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## TENSIONS

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it will only hurt UNC students. I don't believe UNC students should be the guinea pigs," he said.

Congress and the executive branch also have plans to reform special elections.

Hopfuls now have seven days to gather petition signatures. They can then campaign only by word-of-mouth for seven days before beginning full-fledged canvassing.

Nichols said a bill will soon be drafted that decreases the process from 21 days to 14 days, cutting out the middle step.

The two branches started their terms by co-sponsoring a bill to exempt some external appointments from congressional approval.

Carson's decision to veto a student fee bill Sept. 11 led to tension. Instead of a simple majority vote in Congress, the bill required a two-thirds majority to create a student body referendum.

Carson originally told Speaker of Congress Tyler Younts that she would not veto the bill but later decided that the bill would limit students' voices. The bill would have made it more difficult for students to vote on student fees.

The meetings are supposed to prevent future disputes.

"I think that this is one of the first times that we've had a collaboration like this," Tarrant said. "It should become a tradition that we pass down to future student governments."

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## ATHLETES

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to help these kids make good decisions," she said.

Ben Fiocco, a sophomore on the UNC wrestling team, said his coaches warned him early in the year against putting incriminating pictures and information on Facebook.

"They're just trying to protect us from putting ourselves into situations where we could get in trouble."

However, some critics still won-

der whether or not Facebook monitoring is an invasion of an athlete's privacy.

Gallo said athletes know everything that is expected of them before joining the team, and that, by committing, they are agreeing to the conditions.

"To be a member of an athletic team is a privilege, not a God-given right," he said.

Fiocco said he believes his coaches oversee Facebook activity purely to protect the team members' reputations.

"We represent the school and the athletic program, and if somebody gets on there and finds a picture of you with drugs or alcohol in the background, they can exploit that," he said. "I don't think it's a violation of personal rights."

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