

Cohen, Ward declare candidacies

The pace of local races for municipal boards in Chapel Hill and Carrboro quickened Tuesday as two residents announced their candidacy for alderman.

Gerry Cohen, a Chapel Hill alderman since 1973, said at a news conference that he will seek reelection to the town board. Cohen, 27, graduated from the UNC Law School in 1975. He also received an A.B. degree from UNC in 1972.

Cohen, a Chapel Hill lawyer, said he believes the key issue in the race is energy. "It manifests itself in many areas, such as the bus system, planned growth, water, sewer and traffic. If we lose sight of our long-term shortage of energy, we can only make foolish short-range solutions at the expense of the future."

Cohen said he is a supporter of the town's transit system and added he would like to see an expansion of the system's rush-hour service. "But I hope citizens will bear with us and help us improve the service."

He said the University should support the

transit system in the form of subsidies, indicating the town should maintain ownership. The size of the school's contribution should be negotiated by town and University officials, Cohen said.

"The University has to be willing to provide the costs of the service to its students and faculty."

Cohen said the prime goal of the town's efforts to develop water and sewer resources should be to insure that they are safe and healthy. "Construction of a pipeline to Hillsborough will give us enough leeway to make an intelligent and reasoned decision about a safe and adequate water source."

The candidate said he will work to insure that all groups are treated like first-class citizens. "Everyone has the right to town services." He noted he believes the students are among the residents who have that right.

Sherwood Ward, department manager in the Student Health Service, announced his candidacy Tuesday for one of four positions

open on the six-member Carrboro Board of Aldermen.

Ward said he is primarily concerned with the polarization of the community into two distinct factions — the Carrboro Community Coalition, which he characterized as ultra-liberal, and the Allied Citizens of Carrboro, which he characterized as ultra-conservative. Although he said the initial intent of these groups was good, he said the problem now is that of the group's efforts to dominate city politics, with the issues taking a back seat.

"We're losing the ability to make rational decisions," he said.

Ward said he also is concerned with the water situation and the lack of adequate sewage-treatment facilities in Carrboro, but he said he has no easy solutions. He said he favors closing the Jordan Lake dam to provide flood control, recreational facilities and a potential water supply.

Ward has lived in Carrboro since 1954 when he entered UNC as a freshman.

ECOS members to hear speech about technology

A representative of the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT) will address the first meeting of Chapel Hill ECOS tonight to discuss renewable resource industries and the role NCAT plays in their development.

Brian Crutchfield, NCAT's regional representative, will speak at 7:30 p.m. in Deep Jonah and will describe the organization's services and relationship with community action groups.

NCAT is located in Butte, Mont., and was established in 1976 with funds from the Community Services Administration to help develop technology suited to local needs. NCAT also seeks to emphasize self-reliance, political and economic decentralization and greater job creativity.

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Interviews will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. today through Sept. 13, in Room

205-206 of the Carolina Union.

The program is expected to cost participants about \$65, mostly to cover bus fare to Toronto, Toronto Exchange Cochairperson Sally Stollmack said.

Once in Toronto, the costs are minimal, Stollmack said. Many of the meals will be furnished, and Toronto students will provide a place to stay.

Toronto students will stay with UNC Toronto Exchange members during their visit here Nov. 3-7.

Participants in the program will raise funds and organize events for the Toronto students prior to their arrival. Fund raising last year involved raffling off beer and selling doughnuts.

The main qualifications for participants in the exchange are a genuine interest in the program, willingness to devote time, and special interests and talents, Stollmack said.

Diversity is also important in the selection of 34 persons from an expected 200 applicants, Stollmack said. Grades do not matter, except in catching up on classes missed during five days in Canada.

— GRANT HAMILL

Student Government wants boost in activities fee

By HOWARD TROXLER
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Student-activities fees will rise for the first time in 23 years if the latest attempt by Student Government to increase fees succeeds.

"Twenty-three years is an awfully long time to maintain the same level of services with the same amount of money," Student Body President Bill Moss said last week. "The time has clearly come when it's more and more important for us to at least give the matter serious consideration."

Moss met with leaders of campus organizations recently to discuss a possible fee increase, which would be the first since 1954. Undergraduates now pay \$80 per semester in student fees, \$9 of which is the student-activities fee. Graduate and professional students pay \$7 per semester in student-activities fees.

Moss cites two decades of inflation and a

proliferation of student organizations as reasons for a fee increase.

"The reason there hasn't been a major crunch until now is that through the '50s and '60s, student population exploded; we went from a small campus of 8,000 students to a campus of 20,000, and now it's leveled off," Moss said.

With a constant number of students and the same amount of student fees, inflation has eaten away at the value of those fees, he said.

"If fees are not increased, the crunch will come, not as much this year as three, four or five years away," Moss said.

"This raise can't benefit anyone presently in Student Government. We're shooting for the freshmen, sophomores and juniors, and we're trying to help them."

The key to getting the fee increase approved, according to Moss, is not Student Government itself, but the students.

"Student government has proven very effectively in the past that it cannot enact a fee increase," Moss said. "I think that the purpose of Student Government in a fee increase is to provide initiative — and we have a critical role — but we have to have a broad base of student support to get an increase approved."

For the present, though, Student Government is proceeding slowly on the issue, checking each step to make sure it is right.

"At this point," Moss said, "we are trying to determine just what the correct procedure (for getting an increase) is. We're looking into the right way to go about it."

Student Government is unsure of how to obtain the increase because of a conflict in its laws. Student Government is still trying to determine if a referendum is necessary, as statutes conflict with the constitution on the matter.

But even if it is possible to get an increase with only the approval of the Campus Governing Council, Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor and the UNC Board of Governors, Moss said he does not want to proceed without solid student support.

"In a way, the money crunch has been sort of healthy for the student organizations because they had to tighten up — they had to bite the bullet," Moss said.

"However, the time has come when there are just not adequate funds to take care of all the organizations."

There is widespread support for the fee increase through most of the semi-independent student organizations and throughout Student Government itself.

"I strongly advocate a fee increase," said Gordon Cureton, speaker of the Campus Governing Council. "A fee increase would eliminate part of the problem Student Government has with not having enough money to give to groups on campus. There's been no

increase in several years. I think it's time.

"I think that if the students reject the increase, Student Government will suffer because either they don't really give a damn about where their money goes, or maybe that's what they want — for groups to get on their knees for money."

Cureton proposes a fee increase that would offset inflation since the last increase. "It's just to catch up with time," Cureton said. "It won't be drastic, to say the least."

Bain Jones, president of the Residence Hall Association (RHA), agrees that an increase is needed. "It is impossible for all organizations to be funded with present funds. The sheer aspect of inflation, along with more student organizations, makes it so."

"We have 8,800 people in RHA, and we find it very difficult to formulate programs with present funding levels."

"Other organizations are finding it equally difficult. They have ends to meet and need to develop programming. We're facing the reality that we have to have more money."

The president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, David Hackleman, said he is unsure whether his group will support the increase.

"We're in a quandary," Hackleman said. "I've never been told why we need a fee increase or what it will do for us."

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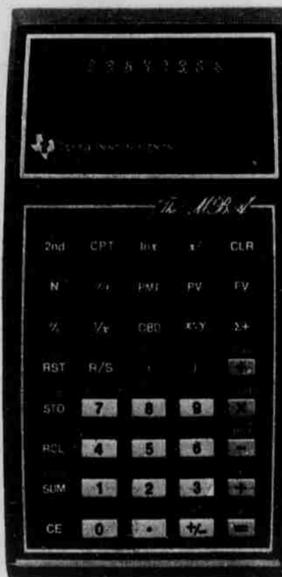
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