

Professor announces candidacy

By ANNE-MARIE DOWNEY
Staff Writer

University physics professor Joseph Straley announced Wednesday his candidacy for the Chapel Hill Town Council.

Straley's entrance into the race increases the field of candidates to six for the four open council seats that will be decided Nov. 6.

Incumbents Jonathan Howes and R.D. Smith, Mayor James Wallace, Joe Herzenberg, chairman of the Chapel Hill Historic District and Bruce Tindall, a member of the town transportation board, also are running.

"I do think I have some things that none of the other candidates have," Straley said. He called himself a liberal and said he has always taken the "people side of the issue."

While he conceded that the other council candidates are also regarded as liberals, Straley said he would bring a different perspective to the council.

"It's not so much (a different) stance, but a difference in the extent of commitment and the nature of information," he said.

Straley has been active in the energy field. He is director of the N.C. Piedmont Crescent Energy Project, deputy editor of the International Journal of Energy Research and chairman of the Energy Committee of the N.C. Academy of Science. Straley also is a co-author of *Energy in Orange County* and served as a consultant for the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Power from 1975 to 1977.

The growth of the town is the crucial issue confronting local residents, Straley said.



Straley

A key aspect of the town's growth, he said, is the inevitable growth of the University. He said he would like to increase the amount of "give and take" between the town and the University to handle the projected growth.

"In one way it (the University's growth) is its own business, but in another very important sense it is everyone's business," he said.

Straley said the University's planned construction of a \$21 million athletic center off Mason Farm Road will require a great deal of input from the town on where it will be built and how it will affect residents of the area.

Straley has lived in Chapel Hill since the 1940s. He said he has been "fired up in one way or another on every political issue." In the 1960s he was active in both the protests against the Vietnam War and in the civil rights movement.

He said he marched in picket lines with mayoral candidate Harold Foster. Foster, who attended Straley's press conference yesterday, expressed his support of Straley's candidacy.

Students protest, sign petition

Construction fence blocks walkway

By GEORGE JETER
Staff Writer

Chain link fencing went up around most of the Carolina Union's unpaved lot Wednesday afternoon as workers prepared the area for construction of the University's new central library.

Carolyn Taylor, administrative assistant for the traffic and parking office said the entire lot, including the brick walkway which runs along the north side of the Carolina Union, will be closed to the public after the UNC-Cincinnati game Saturday.

Construction of the new library would begin as scheduled on Monday, Taylor said.

Many students, particularly from Henderson Residence College, have expressed anger over the closing of the brick walk which runs between the

Carolina Union addition and the library site.

One petition asking that the walk be kept open was signed by approximately half of HRC's residents and sent to several University officials. Norman Acker, a Connor dorm resident who started the petition, said he thought a covered walkway or only temporary closings of the walk during heavy construction periods was called for.

"They should explain exactly why they need to close it," Acker said. "Even if it costs a little bit more to build a covered walk they should still do it."

"If I wanted to walk by Manly to get to class everyday I'd move to Manly," another HRC resident said.

Taylor said she did not know if the walk will be closed for the entire duration of the library construction. The library is expected to be completed in three years.

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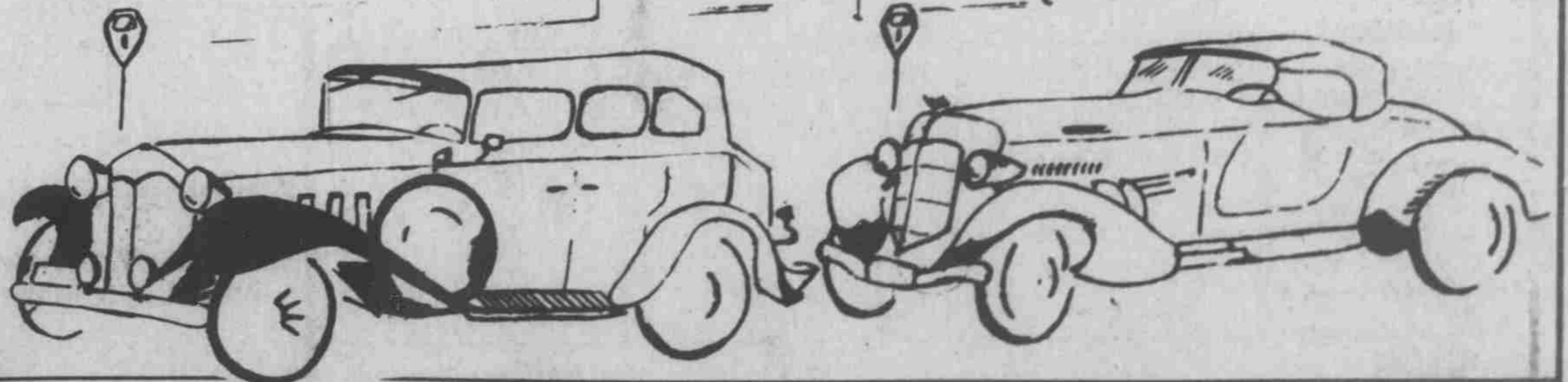
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