

Howes to seek third term

By REBEKAH WRIGHT
Staff Writer

Jonathan Howes officially announced that he will seek a third term on the Chapel Hill Town Council at a press conference Wednesday.

Howes said he had just returned from filing for candidacy. He said he was the first candidate that filed for election to the Town Council.

In his announcement, Howes stressed five major issues: the Thoroughfare Plan, the Development Ordinance, the Joint Planning Enterprise, the present water shortage and the Interstate 40 extension through Chapel Hill.

One issue he discussed was the Thoroughfare Plan.

Howes opposed the one-way pairing of Rosemary and Franklin streets, but favored the extension of West Franklin Street into Carrboro.

Howes disagreed with the proposed extension of McCauley Street. He said preserving McCauley Street's neighbor-

hood was as important as the need to direct high volume traffic. Howes said alternate solutions can be found.

The U.S. 15-501 Bypass should be widened and an outer belt connecting surrounding counties to N.C. 54 should be developed, he said.

In regard to the Joint Planning Enterprise, Howes said that he is reluctant to grant an expansion to the planning district. He viewed group planning action between the community and Town Council as a better route to town development.

Howes said the extension of I-40 through Chapel Hill was "the most significant new development force that must be developed in Orange County." Howes said careful planning should be made so that I-40 will add to, not detract from, the community.

He commended Orange Water and Sewer Authority for its work concerning the present water shortage.

Howes voted in favor of the local half-cent sales-tax option, but said it was pro-



Jonathan Howes

gressive and unfair to low-income families when applied to food.

Howes is director of the UNC Urban Studies Center.

Smith bids for re-election

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R.D. Smith, an 18-year veteran of local government, officially announced that he is a candidate for re-election to the Chapel Hill Town Council.

Smith said taxes and the Thoroughfare Plan would be major issues in the coming election.

If re-elected, Smith said he would examine the manager's budget to see how taxpayers' money was being spent. The best service a town can offer is to protect the taxpayers' money, he said.

Concerning the Thoroughfare Plan, Smith said he agreed with some aspects of the plan. Smith said he opposed making Franklin and Rosemary streets one-way.

The idea of extending Pittsboro Street and Airport Road, he said, was remote and too expensive. "You might as well delete it (from the plan)," he said.

If Merritt Mill Road were improved, Smith said, there would be no need to extend McCauley Street. Smith also said he would like to see the U.S. 15-501 Bypass widened to four lanes to relieve the traffic problem.

Additional parking in the business district is needed so downtown businesses can entice citizens to shop there, Smith said.

Students are important citizens of the town, Smith said, because they keep the downtown businesses thriving.

Smith retired from teaching in 1980. He served 10 of his 30 years of teaching as assistant principal of Chapel Hill High



R.D. Smith

School. He taught courses in vocational agriculture, industrial arts and auto mechanics.

Straley to run for re-election

By REBEKAH WRIGHT
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Joe Straley, a one-term Chapel Hill Town Council member, officially announced his intentions to run for re-election at a press conference Wednesday in the Municipal Building.

Straley, who described himself as progressive, involved, concerned and qualified, discussed his views on issues such as the Thoroughfare Plan and half-cent sales-tax option.

The Orange County Commissioners are studying the merits of approving a half-cent increase in the sales tax for the county.

If additional revenues are needed, Straley said he favored a property tax increase before hiking the local sales tax.

"We're coming into windfalls," Straley said. "It's quite likely that we won't need a tax increase."

By windfalls, Straley was referring to property that has been added to tax books.

"Property tax in Chapel Hill is the best bargain people in Chapel Hill are getting," he said.

Though Straley approves of sales tax, he pointed out one of its problems. "It's progressive and has unwarranted penalty on poor people," Straley said. "I say it's a dishonest tax. The sales tax option presents a flaw in our present sales tax."

Straley said he is opposed to the one-way pairing of Franklin and Rosemary streets, as proposed by the Thoroughfare Plan for Chapel Hill.

He also said he would like to see the traffic problem on Estes Drive and Clayton Road solved.

Straley said he was concerned that a number of town employees were living below the poverty level. He suggested a town employee pay increase to correct that problem.

Straley has worked with the governing board and served on committees of the Joint Orange-Chatham Community Action Agency.



Joe Straley

He has been a member of the Triangle J Council of Governments, and The National League of Cities' policy steering committee on Energy, Environment and National Resources.

SPEAK EASY



Saroya Webb



Randy Allred



Hisayo Nishimaru

Recently released FBI documents show that there was FBI surveillance and infiltration of campus organizations, including the Black Student Movement, during the late 1960s and early '70s. What do you think about the FBI having informants in student organizations?

Saroya Webb, freshman accounting major, Durham: "I don't think the FBI should involve themselves in student organizations. It doesn't look like school activities would be that important to an agency as big as the FBI."

Randy Allred, graduate student in American literature, Upland, Calif.: "The FBI had no idea of the nature of these movements during the '60s and '70s, and I don't blame them for being curious. I do blame them for being subversive in their attempts to gain information, however."

Hisayo Nishimaru, freshman journalism major, Charlotte: "I definitely think the FBI has the right to do this sort of thing. It's good that they get involved and know what's going on."

William Ware, School of Education professor: "I think that it is very typical of the FBI. They were unsure of the movements of that time, but I wouldn't be surprised to hear of the same activity in the FBI today. The FBI's function is to keep up to date with what is going on, and this is evidently how they do it."

Susan Fenn, freshman business major, High Point: "I agree with it as being a necessary part of government. It doesn't seem to be affecting me now, but I can see where it might pose a problem. The FBI does need to know what's happening though."

Rodger Harris, library catalog department head: "I wasn't surprised to hear of the FBI's actions. It's really too bad that such activity was necessary, and I don't think that it was good for the University, but I'm really not surprised."

Interviews conducted by staff writer Heidi Owen. Pictures taken by Lori Heeman.



William Ware



Susan Fenn



Rodger Harris

Baldwin cancels lecture because of illness

Author James Baldwin has canceled his scheduled appearance at UNC because of a sudden illness, a University official said Thursday.

Baldwin, 59, was scheduled to give the sixth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Lecture in Memorial Hall on Wednesday. He was listed in satisfactory condition in the intensive care unit of a Northampton, Mass., hospital Thursday afternoon.

Baldwin's agent has informed the University that his ap-

pearance may be rescheduled, said Judith McLaurin, administrative secretary to the chancellor.

McLaurin said she was unsure if Baldwin would be rescheduled, but said that he would not be replaced for the memorial lecture next week.

Baldwin was forced to cancel an appearance here last year because of health reasons.

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