Campaign Finance Reform ‘Town Meeting’ Sponsored

Six discussants and an audience of interested persons met at the Willis Building at 7 p.m. on April 4, 2001, to examine in a town hall format the issue of campaign finance reform.

This second Phi Kappa Phi-sponsored “debate” featured Dr. Carmine Scavo (ECU Political Science professor), Arielle Morris (ECU student), Randy Royal (Pitt County Commissioner), Keith Cooper (educator and businessperson), Tom Lamprecht (businessman), and Chris Fitzsimon (of the Common Sense Foundation).

Allan Hoffman, news anchor for WNCT-TV served as moderator.

After a welcome by Dr. Tom Feldbush, ECU Phi Kappa Phi chapter president, each panelist presented opening remarks of about five to seven minutes; these opening comments were followed by two-minute rebuttals.

The discussion centered on the current campaign finance system and upcoming changes (as would be mandated in McCain-Reingold bill, it it becomes law). Of particular interest were comments about the impact (direct and indirect) that the system has had on American citizens.

Questions and comments from the audience expanded the formal discussion into broader issues of individual and governmental responsibility in such important arenas.

This event is this year’s second under the aegis of the ECU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi’s “debate” initiative which has addressed topics of general interest such as coastal development and student assessment in public schools.

Chapter Officer Spotlight: Tom Durham

Dr. Thomas W. Durham has been attending school on East Carolina University’s campus since he was a child. He attended kindergarten and middle school at what is now known as the theatre building. (If it seems hard to believe, walk between McGuiness Theatre and the theatre building. He wrote his initials in the concrete in sixth grade.)

Durham attended ECU as an undergraduate. He double-majored in mathematics and psychology. Before he began his college education, Durham took placement tests in which he placed out of forty-five credit hours in math and foreign language. This shortened his studies at ECU to only three years (1970-1973). After graduation, Durham attended graduate school at Florida State University in Tallahassee where he obtained his M.S. and Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology.

Now back at ECU, Durham teaches in the psychology department. He mainly teaches graduate level courses, but does teach undergraduate courses, especially Abnormal Psychology. Durham believes in bringing experiences alive in the classroom -- he feels his job is to clarify. He wants his students to experience, not memorize. “If you sit in on my class, don’t take a lot of notes or you are going to miss what is going on,” he says.

In 1973, Durham was one of the first people inducted into East Carolina University’s chapter of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. He had been an active member since the early eighties. In 1986, Durham took on the role of Phi Kappa Phi’s treasurer and has served in that capacity since then.
2001 Initiates

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Mary Bown
Brian Bucklein
Emily Deans
Peter Hanson
Mary Helms
Megan Hunsucker
Kimberley Johnson
Emily King
Brian Mann
Mark Mann
Samuel Narron
Sarah Orcutt
Raymond Potter
Elizabeth Powell
Karen Rettie
Shermunda Sherrill
Robert Lee Shoffner
Shelly Lea Smith
Jessica Jo Suggs
Elizabeth Sullivan
Melinda Ann Taylor
Christina Thompson
Kelly Tyndall
Todd Viverette
Colleen Ann Walsh
Elizabeth Ann Ward
Asia Whited
Denise Whitt
Cynthia Wooten
Erica Yount

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Barbara Anderson
Jaysen Arno
Cassa Baker
Wanda Bateman
Cynthia Bellacero
Kerri Bright
Pamela Brough
Jennifer Brown
Britt-Marie Brumley
Melissa Burke
Courtney Carter
Jennifer Chavers
Dawn Choate
Kerrie Clayton
Erin Corcoran
Gina Cox
Gordon Davis
Katherine Davis
Justin Edwards
Stacy Edwards
Kathleen Eischele
Kimberly Leigh Garner
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Nichole Gill
Kelly Grace
Pamela Griffiths
Jennifer Hageman
Charlene Hagen
Sara Hauser
Robert Hershberger
Jennifer Diane Jones
Christopher Joyner
Melissa Joyner
Ursula Joyner
Bridget Katana

Seniors continued
Julie Kennedy
Jeffrey Kornegay
Courtney Lynne Ledbetter
Kristin Lochner
Robert London
Johnny Love, Jr.
Melora McSwain
Natalie Medcalf
Tammy Melgar
Christina Miller
Christopher Miracle
Joseph O’Doherty
Courtney Olmos
Malina Oxendine
Kathryn Pacella
Chandresh Parmar
Kebra Patience
Drew Patterson
Barbara Perkins
Jennifer Perry
Amy Plaskett
Karen Reaves
Jean Rose
Matthew Sanders
Julie Sitnik
Ashley Smith
Ashlynn Key Sockwel
Jamie Stephanko
Jayme Stokes
Charles Thalmann III
Elijah Wells
Therese Wetherington
Heather Williams
Brooke Willis
Charlene Ann Wilson
Meredith Woolard
Anne Wootton

Gradsute Students
Stacey Beam
Rhonda Cardinale
Marilyn Chapman
Christina Christou
Carey Craig
Betty Dukay
Jill Eberle
Sharon Elliot
Fei Gao
Gregory Glover
Aimee Harris
Jane Harrison
Lisa Jernigan
Matthew Wayne Jorgenson
John Kane
Joan Keister
Timothy Koves
Peter Lowenstein
Brian Manning
Kerry McIver
David Miller
Kevin Miller
Courtney Moser
Erin Redwine
Elizabeth Anne Rooney
Kevin Schmidt
James Stobinski
Teresa Van Heukelom
Gregg Ward
Robert White
Stephen White
Jewel Whitehurst
Brad Wilkinson
Carol Woody

Outstanding Senior.................................Tracey Miller
Outstanding Senior Finalists
Stephanie Buzzard and Kelly Thames
Outstanding Freshman.............................Nicole Shoemaker
Outstanding Freshman finalists
Courtney Ledbetter and April Vestal

Faculty Initiates
Carson Bays, Jr.
Kermit Buckner
Carroll Dashiel, Jr.
Arthur Haney
Sharon Knight
Ronald Newton
Frederick Niswander
C. W. Sullivan, III

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Shoemaker Named Outstanding Freshman

Nicole Christine Shoemaker has been selected by the chapter nominating committee (Holly Mathews, chair; Tom Durham and Lorraine Robinson, members) as the 2000-2001 East Carolina University Chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi Outstanding Freshman.

Shoemaker is an honors graduate of Northwest Cabarrus High School (Concord, NC.) While a student there, she also earned certification as a nursing assistant, did volunteer work in a kindergarten class, and was active in extra-curricular activities.

Her solid array of credentials, including AP credit and active participation in the ECU Honors Program, as well as her first semester Chancellor’s List 4.0 GPA combined to make her a successful candidate for this award.

The multitalented Shoemaker is a Philosophy major on the pre-medicine track and is considering adding a minor or double major in Spanish. Beyond her academic life, she enjoys exploring the “underground” music scene, draws and paints, writes poetry, and participates in yoga and swimming.

Shoemaker was selected from a large and strong applicant pool for this academic year and will be recognized at the April 18th initiation ceremony where she will also be presented a cash award.

Feldbush Concludes Successful Tenure as PKP Chapter President

Dr. Thomas L. Feldbush, vice-chancellor for research and dean of the graduate school at ECU, has completed his two-year term as Phi Kappa Phi local chapter president.

Under his aegis, the chapter has sponsored a lecture by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author Haynes Johnson, established a debate series that has examined high-profile public issues, and begun publication of a chapter newsletter.

In addition to these initiatives, the chapter has engaged in an initial self-study and has hosted PKP southeast regional president Wayne Lacy.

Because of the strong initiate acceptance rate during his tenure, the chapter is also moving from an initiation ceremony and reception to a ceremony and full, sit-down dinner.

Feldbush will continue his involvement with the chapter as immediate Past President.
2000-2001 Phi Kappa Phi Board Members and Elected Officers

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